

MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Chairman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by resident Wayne Walker providing Invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by County Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, David Iossi, Tracy Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward. No members absent.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from December 27, 2022. Before vote Brock Waggoner indicated that wording needs to be changed on minutes. He voted yes on jail but voted No on Nixle and Adam Smith wanted wording added where he had to abstain from voting on Liquor License Application due to a personal conflict. Changes noted. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1/4%	\$82,779.49	\$78,660.25
1%	\$32,825.66	\$35,129.80

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

Approval of Bills:

General: \$95,066.82 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned manual checks being

manually added and was wondering if there was a different process to do this. Mr. Fox stated that the county doesn't have the accounting system to do so. Mr. Waggoner thought it would be something we could look into at a later date. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Insurance: \$ 42,100.18 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Judicial: \$889,536.32 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Resolution: 2023-02 through 2023-06 – Omnibus motion to approve these resolutions for Delinquent Tax Sales on said properties made by Chris Krupp and seconded by Judith Meeks Hakim. County is to receive \$4,341.50 from these sales. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Chairman Chris Krupp indicated there was a telephone conference call last week with our new Auditor Josh Faivre, WIPFLI. Attendees were Andrea Mallet, Gary Purcell, Steve Fox, Chris Krupp and Debbie Smith. It was more of a meet and greet and Gary Purcell indicated they are currently working with WIPFLI trying to get audit up-to-date

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$18,737.39 Craig Engel made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Contract for space rental for Pre-trial staff from state was discussed. Contract was a total of \$1584.00 a year payable in monthly installments of \$132.00/month. This is actually at about \$1.00/sq ft and when they came to meeting last fall they were talking a much higher rate. Dr. Engel is going to do research from past minutes and will pass on this item at this time.

Committee met with Ameresco on December 29, 2022 to discuss upcoming ideas and plans concerning the Courtroom and the entrance into the courthouse (included coating of all glass with bullet proof film) first floor. Dr. Engel indicated that we need to take a long hard look and proposals and expenditures.

Sheriff Cripps addressed two huge cisterns located at the courthouse yard and a huge water leak in the basement of the Public Service Building. Water is being pumped out and running back into the basement. This has been going on for many many years. Sheriff asked for permission to move the cannon located on main floor (middle) to the side between the stairways. Subsequent to discussion, Board Members approved the moving of the cannon.

Mr. Brock Waggoner addressed the Board concerning the need of High Speed Internet for the residents of Marion County. There is grant money becoming available to include our County and looking at this in a long term plan – rural residents would be afforded this service and help retain them in their preferred rural environment. He has contacted Wabash since they have done this in a couple of counties. He is wanting them to come to a Board Meeting to present a 20 minute presentation. Fiber lines are the future. Bill Henson questioned on process and Mr. Waggoner indicated it is a grant process and has to have local government support approval. Craig Engel

indicated the demand for high speed internet is escalating. Clarification from Brock Waggoner and Bill Henson. This will fall under County and Community Committee and Mr. Henson stated he would get in touch with Board Chairman Smith to schedule a meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$81,624.66 Steve Whritenour made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Sheriff Cripps gave his report on the jail: 753 Incidents, 21 traffic citations – 82 inmates of which are 21 Federal and 1 Juvenile. For the year of 2022: 11,798 Incidents – 1491 Adults booked and 66 juveniles. In addition, 97 crimes against our children.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$5,393.66 Mr. Bill Henson made motion to approve bills and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson reported that during the month that he had picked up 18 dogs.

Pet Population Fund has grown and would like monies to be available to the elderly to take their pets to the veteran to be fixed. Haven't come close to putting dent in fund. Approximately over \$50,000 in fund. Brock Waggoner indicated that it appears the fund is over funded and the fees should be reduced. Elected officials should not be supporting someone's life style. Steve Whritenour reminded this fund is to control the pet population in the county. In addition, Mr. Ferguson indicated that the Illinois State Ag states a Veterinarian should be issuing the tags and not him. This creates more work. Mr. Henson and Chairman Smith will schedule a meeting to speak with Veterinarian. Point of Order was brought up by Brock Waggoner about County Board members coercing. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth indicated there is nothing to prevent us to meet with vet . Again, it is not the County's intention to coerce anyone.

Resolution 2023-07: HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act , Senate Bill 2226 and House Bill 5471. - Resolution 2023-07 Marion County opposing the Bill. Motion to approve Resolution by Bill Henson and seconded by David Iossi, Before going to vote Resident George Guidish spoke to the Board opposing the above subject Bill which infringes on the right to bear arms, 2nd Amendment to our Constitution which was established to prevent tyranny. Tim Hudspeth and Sheriff Cripps are 100 percent in support of this Resolution. Steve Whritenour stated at the end of the day who is going to enforce this Act. Mr. Jack Riley stated the 102 assembly will end tomorrow 1-11 and asked that the Resolution be re-worded to include subsequent assemblies. Mr. Bill Henson made motion to amend first motion to include the re-wording above and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed. Resident Bryan Smith came to support the opposition of this Bill.

Bill Henson addressed next item on agenda – Codification of records. There are positives and negatives with reference to this process and he asked to Brock Waggoner to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Waggoner indicated that this began in a conversation with Steve Fox on how to find records of the county board. County statutes and codes retrieval is important and it will take time to complete this project. This may be something that has to wait until 2024. Decision will be have to be made once study is completed. It has been decided by Chairman Debbie Smith to establish a sub-committee under County and Community Committee.

Mr. Brock Waggoner will be Chair of the Records Codification Committee and Tyson McHenry and Deb Reed will serve on sub- committee and Bill Henson will attend since sub-committee falls under his committee. Tim Hudspeth said he has seen the final project elsewhere and it is nice.

Flag Poles: Bid from Bradford Supply of \$2,583.87 (86' which includes 5 ½ casing on half of pole and the other half 4 ½ inch casing. Welding would be approximately \$500 - \$1000. Powder coat would be approximately \$1140.00. The poles are old oil field pipes which are very strong. Mr. Waggoner asked if we had talked to an engineer regarding setting the poles. Mike McCormick will be a consultant for the County directing the Committee who to contact. Motion to approve the bid of \$2,583.87 or current market price was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 14. Nays 1 (Brock Waggoner). Note this is purchase of pipes only and Bradford Supply will deliver.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$132,470.57 Steve Bradley made motion to approve the bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Brock Waggoner made a comment appreciating the clear nature of the spreadsheets. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Resolutions: 2023-01: Approve Marion County Highway Department to purchase a 2006 used Ford 550 service truck in the amount of \$10,000 – 6 liter diesel. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and was seconded by Steve Whritenour. Brock Waggoner asked where the resolution was since it wasn't in packet. It appears the Board Chairman missed the attachment when sent over by the County Highway Department. Mike McCormick gave to Tracey McHenry to read to Board. Subsequent to reading – Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion Passed.

Heinzman Road Project has been awarded to Quinzy and should being in April.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith stated a meeting was held the previous week and it was a good meeting. Plans are being finalized for the Bicentennial Birth Date to be held at the Courthouse on January 24, 2023, from 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. Iuka Grade School Band and Choir will be performing. Refreshments: cookies, tea, lemonade, water and cake. Representative Blaine Wilhour will present a Resolution acknowledging the Bicentennial. Catfish Russell has a 120 year old newspaper from Iuka and will be on display. Adam indicated that he reviewed the 150th anniversary program from 1973 and there were so many events planned throughout the year. Adam Smith indicated he is meeting with the Tourism Board, and also in process of contacting other annual event coordinators regarding the bicentennial. SCT will pay for the advertising to be displayed on

their transit buses. Discussed a billboard which could be moved around the county on a monthly basis and have an individual or business sponsor it for that month. The monthly fee is \$450.00.

PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith attempted to call the County's Labor Attorney Andy Martone the previous week but he was on vacation. Steps are being made to finalize the Laborers' Contract – Item holding up contract is side letter for the cook at the jail. Note: Since meeting Side Letter is complete and forwarded to the Attorney Andy Martone. In addition, will be advertising for a Board Secretary \$13.00/hour – attend meetings @ \$50.00 each – FOIA Officer \$500.00 month. Work approximately 28 hours a week (some can be off site). There is a job description already set.

ESDA/911 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour stated there was a meeting scheduled the following week. He has been in conversation with Jake from Everbridge concerning questions posed on policies and procedures and the process of Program. He will present information at that meeting to the Committee. Chairman Debbie Smith stated that Tim Hudspeth is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement and will be presented at the next Committee Meeting.

Miscellaneous

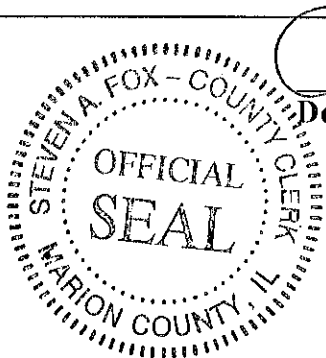
Jack Riley indicated that he would be going to the new county board member training in Springfield on Friday, and if anyone wanted to go he would provide transportation.

Mr. Brock Waggoner proposed that County Committee Meetings be approved at the next full board meeting as appropriate. Indicating that they should be approved within thirty days of meeting to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Motion to adjourn made by David Iossi and Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Approved: 1/24/23



Debbie Smith
Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair

MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 24, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Chairman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by resident Wayne Walker providing Invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by County Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, David Iossi, Tracy Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward. NOTE: Dr. Engel - 19 minutes late to meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

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Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker announced that she has applied for another grant in the amount of approximately \$300,000 which is Tech based for Court Room, and State's Attorney and Sheriff use. Should know something in February.

Treasurer Gary Purcell indicated at the Moose Storage Facility there are a lot of historical pictures that could be displayed in the Board Room. He also indicated that one of the Board meetings should be held in that facility to enable all of the Board members to see the facility since many members haven't personally been to the site.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from January 10, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim, Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

NO REPORT

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

NO REPORT

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

State Pre-trial staff rental of space agreement in Public Service Building is pending County's signature for further clarification on rental dollars to be paid to the County.

Chairman Engel indicated that he spoke to Gene Mackey from AMERESCO concerning some bills received that needed more of a break down of expenses incurred. This is pending at this time.

Dr. Engel met with Tiffany Schicker and JT (IT Tech) concerning coverage of internet services for the county buildings. Capability of expansion was discussed. Bulk of County is under AT&T with Steve Fox's Office and the Jail under Charter. The capability is there, but we need to look at what is actually needed between the jail and the Courthouse. Increase the gig speed from 10 to 20. Tweaks need to be made down the line, but appears to be doable and not costly. Additional information will be forthcoming.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Sheriff Kevin Cripps: Jail Report: 83 Inmates; 29 Federal and 1 Juvenile. His Department has been extremely busy this month.

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Brooks-Barter provided her report by handing out her monthly report and indicated that her team had assisted in several emergency calls.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Enclosed in packet is the signed official copy of Resolution 2023-07 (Opposition of Gun Bill signed by the Governor).

Mr. Henson gave floor to Brock Waggoner concerning presentation to be made by Wabash on February 1, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. There appears to be grants to assist in providing internet to rural areas and representatives from Wabash will provide the committee with more valuable information.

In addition, Mr. Waggoner, Chairman of sub-committee for Codifying of County Board Records, scheduled a meeting on January 30, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room. Sub-committee consists of Mr. Waggoner-Chair, Deb Reed, Tyson McHenry and Bill Henson.

NOTE: Meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

County and Community Committee – Continued

The purchase of flag poles was again brought up, and Mr. Henson had Adam Smith address new findings. It appears that the expense of setting flag poles will become very expensive. A constructional engineer will have to complete soil samples and so much more that it is just too costly to proceed. Mr. Henson concurred that this would be too much of an expense to the County and it is in the best interest of the County if we do not continue in this direction. At the advice of State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth, no further action needs to be taken and to just let the issue die. This did not go to vote; however, it was consensus of all board members.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE-CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

NO REPORT

PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Laborer's Contract should be finalized by next meeting.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Approval of Committee Minutes:

January 4, 2023 – Adam Smith Made motion to approve with second by Chris Krupp.

Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

January 18, 2023 – Adam Smith made motion to approve with second by Tyson McHenry.

Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

The Bicentennial Kick Off was held at the Courthouse this date, January 24, 2023. Was a wonderful turnout and much appreciation goes out to Sheriff Kevin Cripps and Jail Administrator Troy Cannon. *Reed*

ESDA/911 COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WRITENOUR

Approval of Committee Minutes:

November 29, 2022 – Bill Henson made motion to approve with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

December 20, 2022 – Steve Whritenour made motion to approve with second by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays – Motion Passed.

NOTE: January 17, 2023 – No Quorum – Informational Only.

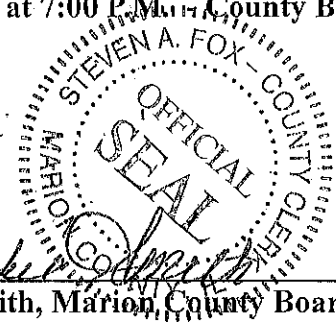
In addition, attached to Board packet is draft copy of Intergovernmental Agreement to be signed by those communities signing up for Nixle. Also attached is a revised signed copy of Everbridge Contract (initial had population as 1 and should be 39,000). Next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Nothing further to come before the board, Judith Meeks-Hakim made motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Next full Board Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in County Board Room – Basement of Sheriff's Office.

Time: 7:47 P.M.

Approved: 2/14/2023
Date: 2/14/2023


Debbie Smith
Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair

**MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2023
7:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. - with Chairwoman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by County Clerk Steve Fox providing invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, David Iossi, Tracey Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward. Absent – Bill Henson. Note: Steve Whritenour was attending another meeting and was present at this meeting at 8:30 P.M. Also note: Mr. Engel had to leave meeting at 8:50 P.M.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

See attached Sign-In Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF FULL BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023

It was noted that under the Bicentennial Committee minutes that Troy Cannon should be changed to Troy Reed. David Iossi made motion to approve the minutes and Sharon Woodward second. Further correction was asked by Brock Waggoner to remove all information of the cancellation of the Codifying of Records meeting due to inclement weather was redundant So noted, however, the minutes left as written. Voice Vote: 12 Ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner).

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

Reported Department of Revenue for Sales Tax:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
1/4%	\$81,710.71	\$77,037.77
1%	\$38,003.07	\$35,291.75

APPOINTMENTS:

Letter from Marion County Housing Authority to appoint Bo Bauer to replace Georgia Miller. Chris Krupp made motion to approve and Tyson McHenry second. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

General Bills: \$116,668.44

Chris Krupp made motion to approve and Judith Meeks-Hakim second. Mr. Waggoner asked if the bills matched up with projected outcomes for the month/year. Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that he sends out report monthly on status of their budget year-to-date. Mr. Waggoner was questioning also the fiscal printed monthly report and the manual checks written added in at the end of printed report. He wants Chair to ensure that he is advising that the bills are meeting the criteria within policies and budget we have. So noted and will be addressed at the next meeting. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes - 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Insurance Bills: \$351,635.05

Chris Krupp made motion to approve with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Mr. Waggoner again asked if these items were within the budget and he indicated that he would continue to question this until we get this. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes - 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Judicial Bills: \$651,756.84

Chris Krupp made motion to approve with second by Sharon Woodward. Mr. Waggoner also noted same as above. Voice Vote: 12 Ayes. 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-10: Permanent Parcel 11-00-013-650 – Delinquent Tax Sales of which county will receive \$300.00. Motion to approve by Chris Krupp second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-11: Permanent Parcel 14-001-765-00 – Delinquent Tax Sales of which county will receive \$300.00. Chris Krupp made motion to approve second by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Information/Discussion/Action

Court Bailiff Pay:

Per Diem – paid at will. Currently receive \$88.00/day whether it be four hours or eight hours. Proposing rate of \$104.00. Kevin Cripps indicated that there is some monies in budget and noted no overtime budget was used last year. Only two bailiffs work per day. Tiffany Schicker indicated the Circuit Clerk receives filing fees and at the end of the month goes into line item as revenue coded as court security. So far have deposited \$13,000 in that account. Bailiffs' budget was under \$3,000 last year.

Adam Smith indicated this added expense would put the budget over and possibly have to open up budget to revise. Line Item budget has always been \$41,000. The Bailiffs all do not work the same day.

Chris Krupp made motion to table till first full board meeting in March. Brock Waggoner second.

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$23,944.09

Creighton Engel made motion to approve bills and second by Dave Iossi. Mr. Brock Waggoner asked how these bills fit with budget. Mr. Engel indicated there could be a variance for instance as electric bills, etc. Roll Call vote: 12 Ayes. 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Capital Expenditure Ordinance 2023-01: AMERESCO \$546,944.45

Mr. Engel would like to table until next board meeting February 28, 2023 and second by Deb Reed.

Bid: Security Alarm - \$74,500 – replacement of Security Alarm System at Jail. Sheriff Cripps indicated that the fire alarm system is down at jail. Inmates have noticed and are filing grievances. Question as to where money is coming out of will be either the Safety Tax or the Building Fund. Craig Engel made motion to approve and second by Sharon Woodward. Mr. Waggoner questioned if we had another bid. It was clarified that Ameresco had previously quoted over \$100,000 and Security Alarm System bid was \$74,000.

Judith Meeks-Hakim asked about the handicap entrance at the courthouse which are not working properly. Sheriff Cripps said it needs to be addressed.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Update on Building and Historical Committee Meeting held on February 9, 2023 with elected officials to discuss future renovations.

Adam Smith and Chris Krupp addressed the Board. Discussion made on projects moving forward that do not fall under Ameresco would be much less expense. For example, Mark Miller indicated he reached out to Shores to paint his office which was quoted at \$3100.00 compared to Ameresco \$5900.00. Security Entrance doors to his office \$14,500.00 with Ameresco at \$62,500. Adam Smith indicated they had decided Ameresco to stay with the ARPA funds and county would seek bids. Renee Pride windows had never been addressed from years back and previous quote from Architect Brian Edmison was around \$62,000. Chris Krupp asked if we should speak with Ameresco regarding heating and cooling.

Additional item Adam Smith addressed was the Moose building as a travesty The mold issue came back before the ventilation was fixed. The upstairs part needs to be torn down. The building is actually only for storage of records; however, it looks like its a storage for furniture and equipment.

Adam Smith also asked Kevin Cripps to speak about the floors giving away under the cells. Ameresco indicated that it would be a very expensive project. Sheriff Cripps thinks it would be at least \$1,000,000 to repair. It needs to be addressed for safety.

Building and Historical Continued

Lease Agreement for Office Space for Pretrial Service

Tim Hudspeth stated he made contact and was told it was actually \$12/mo per year and would be willing to change to \$13/mo per year. Dr. Engel indicated we aren't asking for commercial rates. Tim Hudspeth indicated he thinks they are using the flat state rate. Tim Hudspeth was asked to contact and see if he could negotiate something more.

Tiffany Schicker handed out information on a possible purchase of facility for sale across from the sally port. Is 7000 square feet and could be used by every elected official. (Copy Attached). Asked Board to take serious consideration. Was recently remodeled and has 26 offices. Asks that we place on the next agenda.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY ACTING CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$8,570.18

Steve Bradley made motion to approve bills and was second by David Iossi. Mr. Waggoner questioned as to whether it was in our budget and under appropriate categories. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes. 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner.)

Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson gave his report. 16 dogs for months. He asked if he could write a ticket in a Village since the current time he in cannot. This will be referred to State's Attorney for response.

Gary Purcell has some information on the Flag Poles from Americana in Salem. Jack Riley contacted American Legion of the rules of a flag pole in ground.

Wabash trying to access Federal Funding – Identify a grant writer and other providers other than Wabash. Tyson McHenry asked about writing grant which would be around \$50,000.

SUB-COMMITTEE: CODIFYING COUNTY BOARD RECORDS
CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER

No Report

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of bills: \$58,464.54

Steve Bradley made motion to approve with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Mr. Bradley also indicated expenses were in line to date. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-08: County 2023 Aggregate Bid Approval 23-00000-00-MG. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and second by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion Passed.

Road and Bridge Continued

Resolution 2023-09: Township 2023-092023 Aggregate Bid approval 23-(01-17)000-00-GM. Motion made by Mr. Bradley to approve and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

County Engineer Mike McCormick advised current projects are on track and some may be a little over budget. Edgewood Road Project has hit a snag – Federal and State Funding does not meet classification; therefore, our only recourse is to fund locally or wait till other monies become available. He further indicated that the Heinzman Road is over \$400,000 and Green Street Road over \$1,000,000; however, there are funds to cover this.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE ACTING CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

Approval of Bills: \$96,856.20

Chris Krupp made motion to approve and second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripp's Report: 697 calls for month – 48 Traffic Stops – 133 Inmates (90 adults with 30 being Federal) – 1 Juvenile – 1 Housed at Jefferson County Jail. Also served 8,287 meals for the month.

Resolution 2023-12: Mutual Agreement with Salem and Centralia Police Department. Salem Police Chief Kyle Ambuehl and Centralia Police Chief Chris Locke were present at the meeting. Chris Krupp made motion to approve and second by Deb Reed. Mr. Waggoner wanted to ensure there was no insurance issue or crime evidence collection issue. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Motion Passed. Mr. Whritenour is now in attendance and voted yes.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Beans and Corn Bread Meal, March 11, 2023, at Grace United Methodist with Mike Bost in attendance. Talked to Salem Ministerial Alliance regarding event. With reference to time capsule for Bicentennial, it should stay at the Salem museum.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Laborers' Union contract has been signed and sent to union for signatures.

The Personnel Committee met prior to this meeting and hired a Board Secretary, Lori Linder. She will be starting Monday at \$14.50/hour, \$50.00 Meeting and \$500/month as FOIA Officer. This is a part-time employee working no more than 29 hours.

ESDA/911 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE WRITENOUR

Zoom meeting with Everbridge this date. Andrew Strong will be the co-administrator until this is in place. Going a little slower than anticipated.

Motion to go into Closed Session regarding Litigation made by Brock Waggoner and second by Steve Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes Time: 8:45 P.M.

SUBJECT: LITIGATION

Motion to come out of Closed Session was made by Steve Bradley and David Iossie. Time 8:52 P.M.

Economic Statements are to be returned in by next board meeting. Second issue that the payroll sheet is turned in after the second full board meeting. Brock Waggoner indicated that he was concerned how the pay sheet was worded.

Sharon Woodward made motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned: 8:59 P.M.



Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman

Approved: 2-28-23

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk.

Introduction of new County Board Secretary Lori Linder by Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker distributed a copy of the Circuit Clerk Funding Awards.

She discussed the importance of these grants and how they will be utilized. She also shared information of other grants that she has applied for that will benefit the State's Attorney and the Sheriff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from February 14, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from County Board Chair to replace Judy Shafer and Debbie Smith on the Centralia Enterprise Zone Board with Chris Krupp and Adam Smith made by Sharon Woodward with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Announcement was made that a meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. A Personnel meeting will also be taking place at this time. The topic of discussion will be the budget for the bailiff's pay. Gary Purcell stated that the board is to contact Bellwether. Judge Mark Stedelin clarified that the pay comes from the Sheriff's budget. It was brought to the Board's attention that the meeting for March 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. did not meet the 48 hour posting criteria. The County Board Secretary and County Board Chairwoman will be notified when it will be rescheduled.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Discussion was made regarding the 2023 Maintenance Agreement from Phoenix Modular Elevator.

Motion to accept the 2023 Maintenance Agreement from Phoenix Modular Elevator was made by Creighton Engel with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel has not received all of the information for Capital Expenditure Ordinance 2023-01 (Ameresco \$546,944.45). Motion was made to have this tabled by Creighton Engel with second by Adam Smith.

The Pre-Trial Lease Agreement which was tabled at the last meeting was addressed. Guests from the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services were present and included Don Jones, Deputy Director of Operations, Cindy Myers, Deputy Director of Region 5, and Jason Hamann, Region 4 Chief which includes Marion County. The Lease Agreement is attached. The lease space was increased from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per square foot annually for a total of \$1,716.00. Discussion of the importance of having a local facility was made by Judge Mark Stedelin. He continued to express that he wants it done. Motion for the Pre-Trial Lease Agreement was made by Steve Whritenour with second by Sharon Woodward. Adam Smith questioned estimated time to hire a new State Officer. The application process has been opened with interest. Cost of lab testing was discussed and Judge Mark Stedelin stated that he anticipates that this may go down in the future. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. The new contract with the increase to \$13.00 will be sent to the County Board Chairwoman.

Building & Community Committee – Continued

Discussion of the property purchased located on Schwartz Street. Brock Waggoner mentioned that this topic should be addressed in a closed session. Debbie Smith clarified that the issue to be addressed at this meeting is the preliminary purchase of the property. Motion to go into closed session was made by Brock Waggoner with no second. Continued with an open session. Creighton Engel and Adam Smith inquired if an inspection should be made. Mark Miller, Marion County Assessor, made the Board aware that first a decision needs to be made if the building will be functional and be a benefit. Then earnest money may be given and then an inspection may be made. Mr. Miller continued to address the Board with his support of the purchase of the property. He mentioned location of the County Board Room and the Courtroom during remodeling being a concern. Questions about the budget for the purchase were mentioned by David Iossi. Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, spoke about special funds that she has access for any space that would be available for her, including the current storage building or the property being discussed. Steve Whritenour stated that the current storage building was purchased for this reason. He questioned the maintenance of the building. Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, is unsure if he is in control in maintaining this property per statute. He also stated that the project needs to be completed with an agreement from Steve Whritenour. He also discussed that a decision must be made of who to report to if a problem arises. He also is concerned about the shortness of his custodial staff to maintain multiple buildings. Dr. Creighton Engel discussed advantages of the Moose building with a small amount of remodeling. He also stated that the building is not to be used for storage of equipment or furniture. He mentioned that public access and privacy is not a concern and that there are other areas that could be utilized for office space if needed. He emphasized that this property was a necessity at the time of purchase, and that is was the only space available. Brock Waggoner spoke and is wanting a plan and a system in place for the current property before considering the purchase of new property. Dr. Engel was in agreement. Debbie Smith and Kevin Cripps relayed information of the improvements that have been made. Motion was made to pursue an investigation into the possibility to purchase the property located at Schwartz Street was made by Creighton Engel with second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 4 nays (Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Steve Whritenour, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps, gave information about repairing the handicap entry of the courthouse. A proposal was made from Shores Builders that will be discussed at the next meeting. He also stated that storm damage was reported in Courtrooms 302 and 303 that was caused by water issues caused by strong winds. Bidding has been addressed and started. There are also issues in regards to the rubber roofing of the courthouse. Dr. Engel has contacted the insurance agency and they are in the process of sending an adjuster to inspect the damage. Also included will be the water damage in the courtrooms. Sheriff Cripps also mentioned that he is comfortable with his deputies' area at the entry of the courthouse at this time.

Building & Community Committee – Continued

Dr. Engel clarified that the Moose building was not purchased with tax payer money, but by a capital improvement fund. Adam Smith mentioned that there were issues with the architect and that he has since been released.

Brock Waggoner readdressed the repairing issue of the courthouse handicap entry. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that the Sheriff's app is in place and accessible. The application is called Marion County Sheriff's Office. He also mentioned that the tax payers were not charged for this service. It came from inmate's commissary fund. Marion County Circuit Clerk's app is also linked to this app.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps: Jail Report: 82 Inmates; 24 Federal, 1 Juvenile, 1 held in Jefferson County Jail, and 2 holding for Clay County.

Steve Whritenour acknowledged that Crouse Funeral Home donated 3 defibrillators to the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Cripps stated that every shift will now have access to a defibrillator.

Steve Whritenour would like clarification on the maintenance of the Marion County buildings and which ones are included for the Sheriff's staff. It was mentioned that if multiple buildings, other than what are presently maintained, there is not enough Sheriff's staff to cover these areas appropriately.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Discussion was made regarding the letter from Discover Downstate Illinois and to continue to recognize their bureau for the year 2023. Motion was made to continue with Discover Downstate Illinois bureau for Marion County Illinois by Bill Henson with second by Steve Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee – Continued

Resolution 2023-13 moving Centralia 13 Precinct to City Hope Church was addressed by Bill Henson. Motion of Resolution 2023-13 moving Centralia 13 Precinct to City Hope Church was made by Bill Henson with second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Brock Waggoner discussed the purpose for the codification meeting and that he has been in contact with two agencies that provide this service. Motion to approve minutes from February 21, 2023 was made by Brock Waggoner with second by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

No report.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Information regarding the Beans and Cornbread Dinner was given by Adam Smith. It will be held Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at the Grace United Methodist Church in Salem, Illinois. The cost is \$10.00 a ticket (200 nickels).

911/ESDA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Steve Whritenour stated that the next meeting will be rescheduled from March 21, 2023 to April 18, 2023.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement-Laborers' December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2026.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Steve Whritenour stated that a change in Sandoval district provider has changed to United Medical Response, Salem, Illinois, for any Advanced Life Support instances.

708 Mental Health Board

Bill Henson stated that the next meeting will be March 2, 2023, 5:30 P.M. at Kaskaskia Workshop.

Marion County Health Department

Creighton Engel confirmed the meeting March 21, 2023.

SCIRPD

Debbie Smith and Gary Purcell stated that there was a meeting scheduled for February 28, 2023 in Effingham, Illinois that was rescheduled from last month.

Marion County Housing Authority

Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a meeting was held today February 28, 2023. She stated that 152 applications have been received on line with 36 completed. The hiring of a new Property Manager is ongoing.

WIB (Workforce Investment Board)

Debbie Smith stated no meeting and that the meetings are held quarterly.

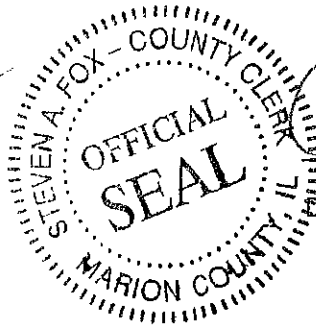
Nothing further to come before the board, Steve Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

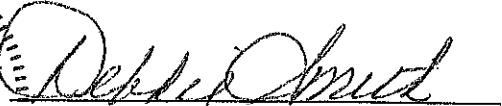
Next full Board Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023 at 7: 00 P.M. – County Board Room – Basement of Sheriff's Office.

Time Adjourned: 8:45 P.M.

Approved:  ✓

Date: 03-14-23





Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading 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 Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tracy Murray and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Bill Smith, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, and Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from February 28, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$94,969.51	\$93,908.69
1%	\$44,708.22	\$49,696.26

County Clerk – Continued

Motion request by Kell Fire District, Chief Mick McDaneld to reappoint Kim Hocking as a trustee for Kell Fire District beginning May 1, 2023 made by Deborah Reed with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Call Vote: 12 ayes – No nays – 1 Abstain (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$142,163.83 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steve Whritenhour. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned if these bills were appropriate and within the budget approved by the Board. Christopher Krupp stated that they were. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$44,247.15 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steve Bradley. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned if these bills were appropriate and within the budget approved by the Board. Christopher Krupp stated that they were. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$619,849.92 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned if these bills were appropriate and within the budget approved by the Board. Christopher Krupp stated that they were. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution: 2023-14: Permanent Parcel Number: 06-35-206-019 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property. Motion to approve this resolution on said property made by Christopher Krupp and second by David lossi. Marion County is to receive \$1,200.00 from this sale. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution: 2023-15: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-541-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property. Motion to approve this resolution on said property made by Christopher Krupp and second by Tyson McHenry. Marion County is to receive \$300.00 from this sale. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Christopher Krupp further discussion in regards to the Infrastructure Grants. Tiffany Schicker recommended consulting with SCIRPD to see which grants would be appropriate and benefit the County. The deadlines for these grants are a concern and Mrs. Schicker will research this information and let Christopher Krupp know at the end of the meeting. Mark Miller spoke about using SCIRPD for one of his grants and was very satisfied.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$24,147.12 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned if these bills were appropriate and within the budget approved by the Board. Creighton Engel stated that they were. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Contract for Pre-Trial Lease (5 year) Agreement (revised) was discussed. Tim Hudspeth has received this Lease Agreement and is forwarding it to Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman for her signature.

The Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-1 is still being looked at. The appearance of the third floor restrooms is still a concern. The coarse flooring and cleaning issue is being addressed. Troy Reed spoke on behalf of Sheriff Kevin Cripps, stating that he has contacted the Salem Community High School, which has the similar flooring, for cleaning information. The first floor restrooms' renovation is to begin soon. The doorway between the men's restroom and Previous Boardroom is able to be done according to the engineer. This ordinance is being tabled.

Next, the Schwartz Building \$1,500.00 inspection is discussed. Adam Smith voiced that he is against the purchase of a new building, and that there are other expense issues that have priority. He has spoken with Kevin Cripps in regards to maintenance and custodial care of an additional building. There is still a concern about which buildings that the sheriff is responsible for. Hesse Martone conducted a report for the Jersey County Sheriff and has shown that the Courthouse, Jail, and possibly the Public Service Building are included. Sheriff Cripps' lack of manpower and being the fall guy to multiple buildings needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Dr. Engel brought attention to the Board that the jail's cells and cell walls need immediate repair and are a costly expense. In addition, the Courthouse has some interior and exterior maintenance issues, the Public Service Building needs new windows, and the Marion County Highway Department's building are all projects that need to be considered. He feels that financing a new building is not a good decision at this time. David Iossi is also in agreement with Dr. Engel for the same reasons previously mentioned.

A motion or second for the Schwartz Building \$1,500.00 inspection was not made. Motion died.

The \$15,500 bid from Shores Builders, Inc. for labor, material, and equipment for the East entry doors of the Courthouse is discussed. Dr. Engel stressed the importance of the upgrade and repairs. Steve Whritenhour made a motion to accept the Shores Builders, Inc. \$15,500.00 bid for labor, material, and equipment and second by Adam Smith. This will be paid from the Building Fund. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Dr. Engel and Troy Reed discussed that a \$5,700.00 estimate for the Courthouse flashing roof repair was received which will be forwarded to the insurance company.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$96,532.00 Steve Whritenour researched the increased amounts of the bills. He stated that there were two months of bills from The City of Salem and the power company. The Sheriff's Office also had an additional charge for ammo that was purchased last year, but had just received the charges that had not been paid. Steve Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steve Whritenour acknowledged that a smooth transition has been made by Troy Reed, the Jail Administrator, with Sheriff Kevin Cripps. Troy Reed gave the report on the jail: 592 Incidents, 58 Traffic Stops, 25 Traffic Citations – 88 Inmates of which are 24 Federal, 2 Housed for Clay County, 1 Housed in Jefferson County. 7,512 Meals were served at a cost of \$1.71 per meal. The move of the Booking area was done by the Sheriff's Department which saved quite a bit of money.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$30,842.13 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned if these bills were appropriate and within the budget approved by the Board. Bill Henson stated that they were. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Administrator, reported that twenty dogs were picked up during the month. He also stated that the Marion County Animal Shelter is at maximum capacity and the stray population is continuing to increase. Bill Henson clarified that Mr. Ferguson does have jurisdiction in the municipalities in the area. These villages do not have a contract with the Marion County Animal Shelter, therefore, Mr. Ferguson still retrieves the animals from them.

Next, the County Broadband update was addressed by Brock Waggoner. Mr. Waggoner stated that he has been in contact with Wabash Communications. The Committee is to meet with them and discuss their support in moving forward and present the information to the Full Board. Chairwoman Debbie Smith raised the question of putting bids out for a contract from other local companies. Mr. Waggoner clarified that the County is not picking a vendor, but is finding who is best suited for the grant. Fiber optics is a main concern. Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Henson will forward information to Debbie Smith in regards to the ads for bids.

An update from the Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner was given. He has been in contact with several codification vendors and is proceeding with the timeline factors. The next meeting is scheduled for May, 2023.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$226,538.68 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-16: Purchase of 2013 Excavator from Smitty's Equipment, \$60,000.00 – Michael McCormick stated that he has researched pricing of this equipment and that this is the best fit for his price range. He requested approval of the Resolution 2023-16. Motion for the purchase of 2013 Excavator made by Steve Bradley and second by David Iossi. Before Roll Call Vote Brock Waggoner questioned the operation of the Board in regards to the information provided for the purchase. Steve Bradley clarified that the money being spent is coming from the Highway Department's Funds and the Board is just giving their approval of the purchase. Mr. McCormick verified that this is listed on his budget as a line item and that it is under the anticipated amount. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Mark Miller questioned the Green Street project. Mr. McCormick stated that it is still ongoing and that the bid will be in November, 2023. Bill Henson asked if any communication has occurred with the State on Route 50 and Route 51 repairs. Mr. McCormick responded that he has not.

Debbie Smith reiterated that Resolutions 2023-17 and 2023-18 will be placed on the next agenda.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

The Cancellation of the Bean and Cornbread Dinner was addressed by Chairman Adam Smith. The reason being, the quest speakers are not able to attend and it developed into a negative function. Mr. Smith is considering another Committee meeting closer to July, 2023. Discussion of event plans for the 4th of July, Little Egypt Festival, and the Halloween Parade will take place. In addition, Deborah Reed recommended doing something at the Marion County Fair. Adam Smith would like to meet with the Fair Board about displaying the time capsule in the Exhibit Building during that week. He also talked with Luke Purcell in regards to space for the time capsule in the Salem Museum and setting times that people may donate items for the capsule. He will forward any additional information to the County Board.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENHOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenhour stated that the next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2023. Mr. Whritenhour addressed the new boiling water order notification.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith began with the discussion of the Committee meeting held on March 9, 2023 in regards to the increase of bailiff per diem from \$88.00 to \$104.00. Mr. Smith stated that Sheriff Kevin Cripps oversees the bailiffs and has been in contact with other counties in the area about their bailiff's pay. Sheriff Cripps indicated that the per day results showed that Marion County is under paying their bailiffs. Adam Smith reiterated that no one has complained, and he and Debbie Smith agree that this needs to be addressed in the future. Sheriff Cripps explained that it has been at least twenty five years since their last pay raise. Mr. Smith addressed the budget issues and suggested to have a meeting with the Personnel and Finance Committees and consulting with Bellwether.

Next, Adam Smith received a printout from Sheriff Cripps with a list of the sheriff's duties from Hesse Martone for Jersey County Illinois. Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth stated that there is a Statute with this specific information. He will locate this Statute and present it to the Board.

In conclusion, Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that any questions or concerns in regards to the monthly expenses be directed to the Committee Chairman. Mrs. Smith clarified that the County Board Members have access to these bills prior to the Full Board meetings. She stated that within the last ten years, all of the Elected Officials have always been under spent with their budgets.

Brock Waggoner stated that he has concerns with a few of the County Board's procedures. These concerns are being addressed.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Creighton Engel made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:18 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: 03/28/23



Debbie Smith

Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 28, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Deborah Reed, County Board Member, 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 Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, and David Iossi. Absent were Tracy Murray, Steven Whitenhour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guest: Wayne S. Walker, Leon Chapman, Salem Tourism Board Member, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department, Bruce Kropp, and Dennis Rosenberger.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Leon Chapman, Salem Tourism Board member, addressed the County Board in regards to displaying Christmas decorations at the Courthouse and the Courthouse Square. His Committee will purchase the decorations with their funds. He requested approval to proceed with the assistance of Sheriff Kevin Cripps in maintenance and storage of the items. Deborah Reed made a motion to allow the Salem Tourism Board to decorate the Courthouse square and with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Mr. Chapman will be in contact with Sheriff Cripps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board minutes dated March 14, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District to reappoint Richard Day to the position of Trustee to the Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District beginning May 1, 2023 was made by Bill Henson with second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Motion to approve Minutes dated March 9, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes (Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, Steven Bradley, and Christopher Krupp) – No nays. Motion passed.

After discussion, Motion to approve Minutes dated March 9, 2023 and March 14, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In regards to the First 2023 Fiscal Quarterly Budget Report from Bellwether, Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that it will be completed in the near future. Mr. Krupp will have a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting as soon as he receives the information.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Motion to approve Minutes dated February 9, 2023 and March 9, 2023 was made by David Iossi with second by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Creighton Engel addressed the Pre-Trial lease (5 year) Agreement. Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth stated that lease was signed by Chairwoman Debbie Smith, and SPS is executing their final steps and will return a copy after completion.

Next, information pertaining to the Moose Building Cleanup was discussed. A dumpster is to arrive April 3, 2023 and a cleanup date will be announced. Dr. Engel stated that the Elected Officials are planning on discarding unwanted items that have been stored in the building. After this takes place, the building improvement projects will be discussed at a scheduled Committee meeting.

In addition, completion of painting the Judge's chambers and Judge DeLong's office by Henson Painting was noted by Dr. Engel. The cost of this project totaled \$1,696.07. Discussion between Dr. Engel and the Courthouse maintenance personnel in regards to the aeration of the Courthouse lawn also occurred. This project is to be completed this week with a cost of approximately \$150.00. A bid for repairing and painting the Rotunda, ceiling, walls, and stairwell on the third floor of the Courthouse in the amount of \$22,946.88 has also been submitted from Henson Painting. Sheriff Kevin Cripps spoke about the seriousness of these repairs. The majority of the cost will be the scaffolding from the first floor. Sheriff Cripps also mentioned an issue with Judge Stedelin's restroom in his office. Henson Painting submitted an oral estimate for approximately \$1,600.00. This repair will be placed on the next Full Board Meeting's agenda. David Iossi questioned if Ameresco has been involved. Dr. Engel responded that only local contractors have been contacted. Bill Henson also questioned if the Board is looking at local agencies for future bids. Dr. Engel inquired the Board's opinion with this matter. Mr. Henson stated that there has been disappointment with the quality of work from Ameresco. He feels that using local contractors will be beneficial. Dr. Engel concurred. Steven Bradley questioned posting bids for the third floor repairs and painting. Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth responded that this bid is under \$30,000.00, therefore posting for bids is not necessary but can be done. Sheriff Cripps' concern was that the bid numbers have been noted and would cause issues with future bids. The Board was in agreement.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

Brock Waggoner suggested that in the future the Board ask for bids prior to publicly releasing any previous estimates. Motion for accepting the bid from Henson Painting for repairing and painting the Rotunda, ceiling, walls, and third floor stairwell was made by Sharon Woodward with second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 8 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner) – 1 abstain (Bill Henson). Motion passed.

In conclusion, the Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-1 that was tabled at the last meeting still has concerns. The wall between the first floor men's restroom and the previous Boardroom may have issues that cannot be detected until that area is opened up. The expansion may or may not be possible. This ordinance is being tabled.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENHOUR

Creighton Engel began by addressing the bids from Security Automation Systems for cameras at the Courthouse and the Moose Building. He clarified that the bid for the Courthouse cameras is \$3,950.00 with a \$1,160.00 option and the bid for the Moose Building Cameras is \$885.00 with a \$1160.00 option. Sheriff Cripps continued the discussion. He stated that Marion County currently has three different vendors for security surveillance. The Marion County Jail is using Security Automation Systems as their vendor. His goal is to have the video systems for the Courthouse, the Moose Building, and the Public Service Building all on one system. Currently the Jail cannot see anything from the Moose Building including information from the key fobs. In regards to the Courthouse, the Marion County Treasurer's office has two cameras from Security Alarm Systems that are not connected to the Jail's system. The Courthouse security on the third floor has issues with two of their cameras due to the age of the system. These issues would be resolved with the process from Security Automation Systems. Eventually he would like to see the Public Service Building on this system also. Deborah Reed inquired to what account the payment is coming from. Dr. Engel and Sheriff Cripps agreed that it would come from the Building & Historical Fund. Brock Waggoner questioned if Security Automation Systems offers sensors for moisture detection, especially for the Moose Building. Sheriff Cripps indicated that they may offer this service, but it is not included with the current offer. Motion to accept the bids from Security Automation Systems for the Moose Building and the Courthouse was made by David Iossi with second by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Bill Henson began with the Broadband update. Brock Waggoner stated that he had a meeting with the Head and his individual that works in this area with Broadband. They recommended that the Board form a Sub-Committee Broadband to discuss what the intent is for the County and that the committee's individuals are familiar with Broadband information for smoother communication, and working towards identifying the partners that the Board would like to work with. In addition, the Committee would need to submit grant information and goals to these partners. Dr. Engel questioned whether the grants are State or Federal. Mr. Waggoner's response was that they are a mixture. He also stated the grant writing will be done by the company that the Board will be partnering with.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

Mr. Henson addressed the issue of publishing for bids. His interpretation if the selected company is making money from the grant that it should be published for bids. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth clarified that if there is not expenditures from the County the requirement is not necessary, but can still be done. Chairman Bill Henson will continue with forming a Sub-Committee in the near future to further address this matter.

The flagpole estimates from Wilson and Wilson in Odin were provided. The height and number of flagpoles were questioned. Dr. Engel mentioned that the installation and possible lighting need to be considered also. Mr. Henson will be providing more options and prices at the next meeting.

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated there was nothing new to report. The next meeting remains scheduled for May 2023.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Steven Bradley stated that the Marion County Highway Department has two Resolutions to present to the Board. Engineer Michael McCormick began with Resolution 2023-17: Contract for 161 Ext. Repairs, 23-00000-01-GM with C-Hill Contractors (\$146,888.00). He stated that the repairs are for the bridge over Skillet Fork Creek and bringing it back to two lanes. In addition, Mr. McCormick noted that the State will never allow the weight limit to be above 15 tons. He also stated that C-Hill Contractors bought Depew Owens in Centralia. This bid is below the Highway Department's estimate and this project will be funded by MFT. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-17: Contract for 161 Ext. Repairs, 23-00000-01-GM with C-Hill Contractors (\$146,888.00) was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Resolution 2023-18: Engineering Service Agreement, Gonzalez Companies LLC, 18-00140-00-BR, 161 Ext. was addressed. This is for the replacement of the 161 Ext. Bridge over Poplar Creek. The County has received a grant to pay 80% of the structure. This construction is at least three to four years out. The contract for their services is \$118,000.00 and will be paid over the three years of the project and be in the budget. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-18: Engineering Service Agreement, Gonzalez Companies LLC, 18-00140-00-BR, 161 Ext. was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner called for discussion to confirm if the bid is under budget and if there are funds available for these types of contracts. Mr. McCormick validated that there are always room for these types of contracts for engineering services or repairs and if the County uses "their own fleet or manpower to make said repairs." Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

No report

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENHOUR

Next meeting scheduled April 18, 2023.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Due to Chairmen Adam Smith being absent, Board Vice Chairmen Creighton Engel stated that the Committee needs to approve the Minutes from March 9, 2023. Motion to approve the Minutes from March 9, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel began discussion in regards to the Bailiff per diem. Sheriff Kevin Cripps continued by reiterating that the request was made by Deputy Rose and not the bailiffs. This matter is to be addressed after the Fiscal Budget First Quarterly Report has been received.

Next, in regards to the maintenance and custodial responsibilities of the Sheriff, State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth has materials that will be distributed. Dr. Engel stated that a meeting with the Committee will commence after receiving the information. He expressed to the Board that this matter is being addressed.

In conclusion, Dr. Engel stated that Lori Linder, County Board Secretary, received her FOIA Training Certificate on March 24, 2023.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

No report

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Board Representative Bill Henson stated that they are proceeding with the development of a website for their Committee. The cost is \$200.00 initially and \$29.99 per month for maintenance. Next meeting will be June 2, 2023 at the Community Resource Center in Centralia, Illinois.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board Representative Dr. Creighton Engel stated that the Committee did meet last week, but that he was not able to attend.

SCIRPD

No report

Reports from Special Committees – Continued

Marion County Housing Authority

No report


WIB (Workforce Investment Board)

Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that she and Debbie Smith attended a Board meeting last week. Debbie Smith also attended a CEO meeting that evening. The next meeting is scheduled in three months.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Motion to Adjourn with mileage and per diem was made by Bill Henson and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time Adjourned: 8:06 P.M.

Next meeting: TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.



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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 11, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.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, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steven Whritenhour, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Sharon Woodward, Tyson McHenry, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Guest: Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Sheri Brooks-Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer, Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Officer, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Stacey Arenas, Marion County 911, Bruce Kropp, Dennis Rosenberger, Bill Smith, and Gene Mackey, Ameresco.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, addressed the County Board in regards to the tornado on March 31, 2023. He stated that Governor J.B. Pritzger included Marion County in the disaster area for the state of Illinois, which affects the assessment process. He stated that PTAX 245 (Disaster Area Application for Reassessment) forms are available for victims of this storm. He needs to inform people and get their information of damage caused by the tornado no matter how big or how small. The reassessment will stay in effect until the issues are resolved. In addition, he thanked Terry Mulvaney, Coordinator of the Marion County Civil Defense, for his assistance in retrieving information such as phone numbers from these people. He stated that there are thirty-nine properties impacted by this disaster so far, which includes commercial and residential. He wants to inform the public that property assessment is also very important. He stated that there are two different preferential assessments. The first example is the Natural Disaster Homestead Exemption. It relates to a property that has been completely destroyed or deemed inhabitable and that needs to be rebuilt. The assessment value right before the disaster would be used for a new home on said property until it is sold or the people move from the property. Secondly, the Home Improvement Exemption may apply if any upgrades are made on the effected property. David Iossi, County Board member, questioned if these relate to solar. Mr. Miller stated that it has a different preferential assessment.

Those Who Wish to Address the Board – Continued

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith commended Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker for her involvement in cleaning the Moose Building. Mrs. Schicker added that she had assistance from Dave Daniels, Marion County maintenance/ janitorial personnel, three Marion County Probation Public Service workers, and Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board minutes dated March 28, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Deborah Reed. Roll Call 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	\$72,280.97
1%	\$37,302.56	\$34,034.10

Motion request from Patoka Fire Protection District to reappoint Zeb Jolliff to the position of Trustee of the Patoka Fire Protection District for a three year term commencing May 1, 2023 was made by Tracy Murray with second by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion request from Salem Fire Protection District to reappoint James T Somer to the position of Trustee of the Salem Fire Protection District for the next term was made by Adam Smith with second by Deborah Reed. His current term expires 5/1/23. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$87,690.53 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Roll Call Vote Adam Smith questioned Mr. Fox about the Livestock payment. Mr. Fox recommended that Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer explain that it involved a dog killing a person’s livestock (chickens). Brock Waggoner inquired about a \$17.00 charge that was paid to Tarrant County Texas. It was verified that it was for Court records for the Marion County State’s Attorney. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$32,627.99 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned HIPA laws in regards to the recipient’s name on the bills. It was determined that the name only being listed is not under HIPA protection. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Financial & Insurance Committee - Continued

Judicial: \$625,595.02 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Bellwether LLC Letter of Agreement (Budget Services 2023) for the amount of \$13,000.00 and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Krupp addressed the 2023 Quarterly Budget Variance Report. He stated that they are not seeing any major concerns, but he did indicate that there are costs increases in various items. This situation may need to be addressed towards the end of the year. Brock Waggoner had questions on a few issues. He began with the Marion County Jail's expenditures. Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, mentioned that new mats for the inmates were purchased which was a major portion of their expenses. Mr. Waggoner also questioned the Marion County Jail's Cook and part time cook line item. Sheriff Kevin Cripps also has questions because their hours and wages have to be altered. Mr. Krupp will be checking into the situation. Next, he addressed the Marion County Supervisor of Assessments office expenses. He felt that they were higher than normal for this time of year. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, asked if he was still within his budget and Mr. Waggoner stated that he is. Mr. Miller's response was "then we are good." In addition, he stated that the Moose Building's expenses indicate that it is over budget. Sheriff Kevin Cripps suggested that the bill increase may be due to the new units for heating and cooling for this year and that they may need to adjust the budget in the future. Lastly, he stated that the Marion County Health Department is over budget in some of their areas. It was verified that they have their own budget that the County Board has no control in setting or spending of their budget. Creighton Engel added that they are very well funded and in good standings.

Resolution 2023-19: Permanent Parcel Number 14-009-040-00- Acceptance of full payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate. Marion County is to receive \$912.93 with remaining monies distributed according to law. Motion to approve this resolution on said property was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, the Funding Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2023 Illinois Extension \$153,000.00 was discussed. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of the County Board, stated that this is their Levee. Brock Waggoner had concerns with Illinois cutting of the extensions and their programs that they provide. County Board Chairwoman recommended that a representative from the U of I Extension come and address the Board with their information. Bill Henson made a motion to approve the Funding Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2023 Illinois Extension \$153,000.00 and was seconded by Steve Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$26,537.20 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel addressed the bid for repairing Judge Stedlein's office restroom that was brought forward from the March 28, 2023 meeting. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that it was brought to his attention that there was a water leak that damaged the restroom wall and ceiling. The bid request from Henson Painting was made while they were there painting the Judge's Chambers and the other Judge's office. The total amount of the bid is \$1,465.25. Motion to approve Henson Painting's bid in the amount of \$1,465.25 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Steve Whritenour. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if this project was advertised for other bids. The Board verified that due to the amount of the bid it does not have to be. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Gene Mackey from Ameresco addressed the Board with updates and a small presentation. He stated that the construction of the restrooms on the first floor are currently underway and the Marion County State's Attorney's office renovation has been completed. He continued with information of the future projects that are to be done. David Iossi questioned if the elevator noise issues in the Treasurer's office have been resolved. Mr. Mackey stated that unfortunately Ameresco can only help dampen and buffer the noise due to this being an issue prior to their involvement at the Marion County Courthouse. The slide show which included a survey of the work in progress, the work that has been completed and the value of the added services that have been done at no costs to the County was presented. The Revenue was also addressed.

The Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-1 was not addressed at this meeting, but will be carried forward.

In conclusion, an update on the Moose Building cleanup was given by Sheriff Kevin Cripps. He stated that Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, David Daniels, Marion County Maintenance Personnel, and Public Service workers from Marion County Probation assisted in filling two dumpsters with discarded items. Probation Public Service workers will complete the deeper cleaning process in the non-secured area this week. Sheriff Cripps followed up with information that the camera and key fob system should be completed by the end of this month.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$67,095.30 Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour commented that this amount is down about \$30,000.00 this month is within the normal range. Steve Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Security Automation Systems' status was addressed. Sheriff Kevin Cripps previously stated that the Moose Building's security system should be completed by the end of this month. He added that the main goal is for every County Building to be on the same system in the future.

Law Enforcement Committee -- Continued

Sheriff Kevin Cripps gave the report on the Jail: 75 inmates of which are 19 Federal, 2 Juvenile, 1 Housed in Jefferson County - 719 Incidents, 28 Traffic Citations were issued. 8,131 Meals were served at a cost of \$2.08 per meal. He added that he has been advertising employment opportunities for Deputies and Correctional Officers. He stated that has had a good response with 24 people applying.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$15,935.95 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner had concerns in regards to a couple of the A/C bills. The questions were resolved. He also commented on a couple of the Election charges, for example the paper publication expenses and the Web site notifications. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

The Broadband update was presented by Bill Henson. A Committee meeting was held prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening which included Broadband. He will be scheduling an additional Committee meeting in regards to forming a Sub Committee for Broadband in the near future. Mr. Henson will be in discussion with Matt Schmidt from the Office of Illinois Broadband in order to obtain information on a few unanswered questions prior to this meeting. He will also be in touch with George Evans of Kaskaskia College. He welcomed everyone to attend the next meeting and to present any input.

In addition, a Flagpole update was given by Committee Chairman Bill Henson. He stated that he sent a request for information on 30 feet flagpoles which will hold 5 feet by 8 feet flag to Wilson and Wilson and is waiting on a response. He will forward this information to the County Board Secretary for distribution as soon as it is received.

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner verified that the next meeting will be scheduled in May, 2023.

A report from Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer was given. Mr. Ferguson stated that eleven dogs were picked up in the county and taken to the Centralia Animal Shelter. The shelter had to turn down approximately a dozen dogs due to lack of space at the shelter. Some of the dogs had to be fostered or a lengthy search for their owner had to be conducted. He also stated that he has been questioned when the county will be getting their own facility. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Marion County only has a contract with the City of Centralia for this facility and that they would be the ones to address the overcrowding issue. He praised the management and its employees for their diligence effort in finding the animal's previous homes and any adoption homes. County Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Committee Chairman Bill Henson will be in touch with the City of Centralia to discuss options with the issue of the over population of the shelter. Mr. Ferguson addressed combining dog certifications to one monthly list instead of individual certifications per animal. County Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Committee Chairman Bill Henson were in agreement that if it would benefit Mr. Ferguson's recording keeping he may accept the combined list. A meeting with the Veterinarian in question will be arranged in the near future. In addition, he would like the County Board to consider veterinary care assistance for the elderly and low level income families. Mrs. Smith gave direction to Mr. Ferguson to address the Committee prior to bringing this subject to the Full Board.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$319,793.76 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-20: County Bituminous 23-00000-00-GM Bid Approval. Motion to approve County Bituminous 23-00000-00-GM Bid made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Mr. Waggoner was questioning usage in regards to the Motor Fuel Tax. Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, responded to the question. Vote Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – No nays (County Chairwoman Debbie Smith excused herself from the meeting prior to Roll Call Vote).

Resolution 2023-21: Township Bituminous 23-(01-17)000-00-GM Bid Approval. Motion to approve County Bituminous 23-(01-17)000-00-GM Bid made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Steve Whritenour. Vote Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – No nays (County Chairwoman Debbie Smith excused herself from the meeting prior to Roll Call Vote).

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick stated that the Highway Department is starting their maintenance programs for this year. He also reiterated that the weight limit restrictions will be lifted as of April 15, 2023.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Prior to Committee Chairman Adam Smith addressing the Board, Chairwoman, Debbie Smith stated that she conducted a presentation at the Grace United Methodist Church. In addition, another one will be presented on Thursday, April 13, 2023 at Sharon's Café for the Retired Teachers Organization. Mr. Smith continues with information in regards to the time capsule. For example, he is obtaining instructions for the exhibit of the time capsule at the Marion County Fair. He continues to gather data to be placed in the time capsule. He stated that he will provide information as it develops for this Committee.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that the next meeting is scheduled April 18, 2023. An update of the Nexel/Everbridge Project will be presented. Brock Waggoner commended the Centralia Officers and their participation in relief of the Salem Officers and the Sheriff's Department in the disaster area after the tornado in Salem. He and Chairman Steve Whritenour feel that the multi-community agreement is working well.

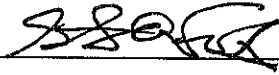
PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairmen Adam Smith stated that the Committee needs to conduct a meeting in the near future to discuss the maintenance and custodial responsibilities of the Sheriff. Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth is in the process of obtaining any information of the rules and regulations that are already in place. Mr. Smith also conveyed that a meeting in regards to the payment issues with the Labor Relations for the State's Attorney's Office will be conducted prior to April 18, 2023.

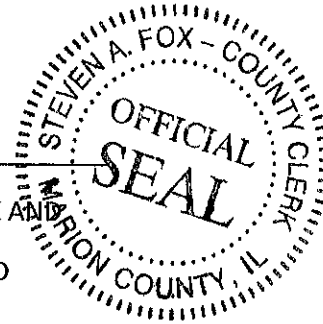
Nothing further to come before the Board, Motion to Adjourn with mileage and per diem was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time Adjourned: 8:47 P.M.

Next meeting: TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.



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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 25, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Adam Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guest: Roger Campbell, Life Star Ambulance, Stacey Arenas, Marion County 911 Coordinator, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Jared Hunter, United Medical Response, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Wayne Walker, Bill Smith, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Bruce Kropp, and Dennis Rosenberger.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Roger Campbell, Life Star Ambulance, began discussion in regards to the EMS issues within Marion County. He stated that under funding and under staffing are major concerns. There are three small fire departments in Marion County that are demonstrating the matters in question. Mr. Campbell is requesting EMS representation on the Marion County 911 Board. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that she has discussed this matter with Stacey Arenas, 911 Coordinator, and this will be addressed at their next Board meeting on May 11, 2023. Ms. Arenas will then follow through with relaying their Board's decision to the Marion County Board to appoint someone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board minutes dated April 11, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from John Schubert of South Central Illinois Mass Transit District to appoint a person to replace Board of Directors' member Don Jones who is deceased with the recommendation of Janet Carter Sullens to complete the unexpired term that will expire in 2028 was made by Tracy Murray with second by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with the discussion of the U of I Extension \$153,000.00 from the Levy approved by the Marion County Board. The U of I Extension Staff will be making a presentation of monies received from Marion County at the next Full Board meeting on May 9, 2023.

In conclusion, the issues with the Marion County Jail Cook and Part Time Cook wage expenditures was addressed. After talking with the Marion County Treasurer, Gary Purcell, Mr. Krupp stated that this item has been under budgeted for the last several years. In addition, the Correctional Officers', Deputies', and Communication Officers' wage expenditures will also have the same issues. Mr. Krupp reiterated that money was transferred for the raises approved in the new Labor Contract last year, but was not entered in the budget line item. These matters will be addressed for next year's budget.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began discussion on updates. Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that the issues with the Courthouse windows that were leaking have been resolved. Shores Builders and Ameresco were asked to evaluate the problem, but no response was made by Ameresco. Shores Builders responded quickly and applied caulking around the window panes which resolved the flooding matters. Sheriff Kevin Cripps also stated that the large fallen tree and its stump on the Courthouse lawn have been removed. Three companies were contacted with only one response from Top Notch Tree Service with a very reasonable price. In addition, the first floor restroom projects are still underway. Lastly, the Marion County Jail door issues are being addressed by Ameresco.

Additionally, Dr. Creighton Engel recognized that Top Notch Tree Service and Marion County Highway Department performed extremely great services in removing the trees and stumps on the Courthouse Lawn.

Dr. Engel questioned Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, in regards to his office's projects. Mr. Miller stated that they are going well.

Dr. Creighton Engel addressed the Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-01 (\$546,944.45) and Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-02 (\$1,300,430.84). Motion to approve Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-01 (\$546,944.45) was made by Creighton Engel with second by David Iossi. County Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions in regards to completed and guaranteed work by Ameresco. No comments were made. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance 2023-02 was tabled.

In conclusion, Mark Miller voiced his concern in regards to the mold situation at the Moose Building. He and Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker had been in the building today and suggested that an inspection be made fairly quickly. Chairman Creighton Engel was in agreement and will follow through. Brock Waggoner questioned if any information about a humidity control system or a water sensor has been obtained from Security Alarm System. He had been in touch with them to reach out to the Committee, but there has not been any communication between the two.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there was nothing new from this Committee on the agenda. Sheriff Kevin Cripps gave the Marion County Jail Report. 75 inmates – 18 Federal, 2 Juvenile, and 1 Housed in Jefferson County.

Mr. Whritenour commended the Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps and his Department for their involvement with the triple shooting in Centralia. Their response was made very quickly and appreciated. He also stated that the new department agreements are working well. Board member Bill Henson added that Sheriff Cripps visited the Sandoval High School and valued his presence and interaction with the students.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson began with informing the Full Board Members and guests that a Committee meeting was held just prior to the Full Board Meeting. A presentation by Matt Schmidt, Office of Illinois Broadband, was the main topic with information of what needs to be done to move forward with getting Broadband in Marion County. Mr. Henson will be forwarding website links for the program to Lori Linder, the Marion County Board Secretary, to then forward to all of the Marion County Board Members for review. The Marion County Board is going forward with the Broadband Program for all Marion County residents, especially in rural areas. A recommendation to Marion County Chairwoman Debbie Smith to form a Broadband Committee was also made during the Committee Meeting. Her selection was made and it was based on members living in the Broadband lacking areas. She announced the Broadband Committee: Christopher Krupp – Committee Chairman, Steve Whritenour, Tracy Murray, Jack Riley, and Deborah Reed are members. County Board Member Brock Waggoner raised questions in regards to the selected members. Chairwoman Debbie Smith noted again it was based on these individuals living in rural areas. Next, the estimate for the Courthouse flagpoles from Wilson and Wilson Monuments was discussed. The two 30 foot poles were priced at \$3,280.00 each with a charge of \$500.00 for instillation. Each pole will hold a 5 foot by 8 foot flag. Sheriff Kevin Cripps suggested purchasing three flagpoles. After further discussion, this matter is tabled in order to obtain more information.

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated there was nothing new to report. The next meeting remains scheduled for May 2023.

Motion to approve Minutes dated April 11, 2023 made by Brock Waggoner with second by Steve Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was nothing new to report.

→ He stated that he had done 90% of the preparations for this service, so why was he left off of the Broadband Committee. He also expressed that he felt that County Chairwoman, Debbie Smith was showing animosity towards him.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Due to Chairman Adam Smith being absent, Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that a presentation to the Retired Teachers of Marion County was held at Sharon's Café on April 13, 2023 provided by herself and Mark Decker. In addition, she and Mark Decker attended a presentation at the Iuka Grade School on April 20, 2023 at their Musical Salute to Marion County in Celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Its' Founding. Mrs. Smith stated that certificates will be distributed to each student participant along with a gift certificate from the Artic Cow.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour began with an update on the Committee Meeting held on April 18, 2023. He stated on that date the Nixel/Everbridge program was up and running, but an issue was discovered on April 21, 2023. This problem has been resolved.

To enroll in the program, a person will need to text 888777 and type in their zip code. All zip codes in Marion County are included in the program and multiple zip codes can be entered. The Everbridge App can also be downloaded to receive alerts.

In conclusion, Mr. Whritenour would like the Marion County Board to consider reverting back to individual Committee meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

No report.

CYBER COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that the previous breach issues have been resolved and no further concerns have occurred. Therefore, she is disbanding the Cyber Committee.

In conclusion, Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that a few Marion County Board Member's Economic Disclosure Forms have not been turned in and the return deadline date is May 1, 2023. The forms should be given to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Motion to Adjourn with mileage and per diem was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim with second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time Adjourned: 7:55 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.



Steven A Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of the Marion County Board



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.

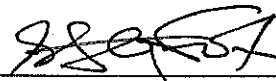
Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, stated that he has and will be involved in 2 jury trials. The first one was completed today and the second one-day trial will take place tomorrow.

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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 23, 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 Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Bill Smith, Wayne Walker, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Judy Shafer, Dennis Rosenberger, Bruce Kropp, and Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of Marion County Board.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith, inquired if any Elected Officials would like to address the Board. Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, conveyed that the Marion County Mobile Home Tax Bills have been issued. In addition, the Marion County Real Estate Tax Bills are currently being processed and will be issued in the near future. Ken Ferguson had questions concerning the mobile home taxes versus real estate taxes. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Miller, explained how this issue was changed in 2012.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Debbie Smith explained that there was an issue with the minutes included in the emailed packet. The matter was resolved by re-issuing the minutes separately. Motion to approve Full Board Minutes dated May 9, 2023 was made by David Iossi with second by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion on request from Centralia Fire Protection District to reappoint Danny Phillips to the position of Board Treasurer of the Centralia Fire Protection District for another three year term ending April 30, 2025 was made by Steven Whritenour with second by Tyson McHenry. Letter with request dated March 10, 2022 was not received; therefore, second request is being made this date. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – continued

Motion on request from Centralia Fire Protection District to reappoint Doug Dorries to the position of Board Secretary of the Centralia Fire Protection District for another three year term ending April 30, 2026 was made by Bill Henson with second by Steven Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion on recommendation from Iuka Fire Trustees and Fire Chief Kenny Eagan to appoint Vernon Quandt to the Iuka Fire Department Board of Trustees due to the immediate resignation of Kevin Cripps was made by Creighton Engel with second by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Due to Chairman Christopher Krupp being absent, Debbie Smith proceeded with the presentation for this committee.

Prior to the Full Board Meeting, Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth distributed a copy of Resolution 2023-26 – Reimbursement for meals. Steve Fox explained the details that are included in the Resolution and its purpose. He stated that meal allowances have not been addressed for several years. The amounts are very low compared to the costs of food for this date and time. He is recommending \$15.00 for breakfast, \$20.00 for lunch, and \$30.00 for dinner. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-26 and the meal amounts of \$15.00 for breakfast, \$20.00 for lunch, and \$30.00 for dinner was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All – ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steve Fox, also explained Ordinance 2023-03 – Regional Housing Support Program (RHSP) State Fee Increase. This will be addressed on the June 13, 2023 Full Board Meeting.

In conclusion, Gary Purcell provided information in regards to the WIPFLI Audit Contract. The contract presented is for clarifying payroll issues with the 2021 audit that have been passed over by the previous auditors. Motion to accept the WIPFLI Contract was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Debbie Smith also mentioned that various County grants are not being received until this issue is resolved.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel made a motion to approve Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) (\$1,300,430.84) Ordinance 2023-02 with second by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Deborah Reed questioned if the Ameresco projects have been signed off on. Sheriff Kevin Cripps and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth stated that they are pleased after their completions. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel announced that Marion County received an Illinois State Fire Marshal Inspection Certificate.

Building & Historical Committee – continued

In addition, Chairman Creighton Engel stated that the Moose Building mold inspection was conducted by Environmental Resources, Inc. Upon inspection of the upstairs' rooms, old paneling and old drywall were determined to be contaminated. Environmental Resource, Inc. submitted a proposal for book remediation (\$7,900) and removal and remediation of mold affected drywall, plaster, and ceiling board from the second story storage rooms (\$7,200). The previous issues, including ventilation and moisture, seem to have been resolved. Replacement of the paneling and drywall will be an extra expense in the future. Adam Smith stated that he felt that the proposal is "a little high." Dr. Engel explained that there are very few companies that deal with mold issues and that this is the busy season for the available companies. Environmental Resources, Inc. is willing to move on this project right away. Steve Fox relayed that he is concerned that he has seen a small amount of mold on his books in the secured area of the building. The shelves' location is located next to the wall. This issue will be addressed with the company. Debbie Smith reiterated that Rend Lake Plumbing and Heating will be contacted in regards to re-evaluating the ventilation issues. David Iossi questioned if those results need to be evaluated prior to the abatement. Motion to accept the Environmental Resources, Inc. bid for book remediation (\$7,900) and removal and remediation of mold affected drywall, plaster, and ceiling board from the second story storage rooms (\$7,200) was made by Tracy Murray and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Kevin Cripps affirmed that the Courthouse first floor restrooms' renovations are being completed. Flooring completion is to be finalized in the near future along with the unresolved matters with the third floor restrooms. He stated that the painting of the first floor rooms has been completed. In addition, the Moose Building has key fob access and its security system, along with all of the Courthouse, has been placed on the same system and may be viewed at the Marion County Sheriff Department.

The Ameron bill issues from the last meeting were reviewed and the account was found to be paid in full.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour began by stating that he, Dr. Engel, and Sheriff Kevin Cripps assessed the issues with the bathroom and shower areas of the jail. Sheriff Kevin Cripps addressed the Board in regards to the repairs. He had spoken to Eco-Advantage and received their bid, but is waiting on a second bid from another company. As soon as he receives the second bid he will present both of them to the Board. In addition, he gave the report on the jail: 91 inmates - 24 Federal, 4 Juveniles. Four windows have been replaced at the facility. Squad cars are expected to be available within a month or two. He also informed the Board that the Commissary Audit is to be done yearly. Lastly, he addressed the outside power to the lighting of the Courthouse. The issue seems to be in reference to the electricity from the light switch to the outside fixtures. He received a bid for the repairs to this area in the amount of approximately \$1,680.00. Dr. Engel questioned if this would include access to the flagpole lighting. Sheriff Kevin Cripps relayed that Ameron is willing to supply a light on their pole to illuminate the flagpoles for the amount of \$5-7.00 per month. Additionally, outlets on the outside of the Courthouse were discussed with the electrical company and for \$2,690.00 can be installed and repaired.

Law Enforcement Committee – continued

He also stated that a temporary power service is available for an annual cost of \$210.00. The power supply may be used for the Courthouse Christmas decorations.

At the conclusion of his discussion, Sheriff Kevin Cripps communicated that the replacement of the Courthouse front doors will be completed as soon as the backorder doors arrive. He also stated that he has not heard back on additional bids for the County Service Building and Marion County Sheriff's Office doors to make them handicap assessable.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson began with clarifying that the matter of who made the motion for the Broadband Committee was determined to be himself after reviewing the notations and recording from the Full Board Meeting held on April 25, 2023.

Next, County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith, spoke about Resolution 2023-27 County Board Code of Conduct. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth and Debbie Smith are in the process of revising and updating Marion County's Code of Conduct in this resolution. This should be prepared and addressed at one of the Full Board Meetings in June, 2023.

The formation and selection of the members of the Decennial Committee were conveyed to the Full Board. Motion to approve the Decennial Committee Members David Iossi, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Steven Bradley, Jennifer Griffin, and Karma Durham was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Voice vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

A bid proposal from Chuck's Excavating & Landscape for the flagpoles on the Courthouse premises was presented. A suggestion of placement of three flagpoles on the Southwest corner of Main Street and Broadway was previously initiated. Sheriff Kevin Cripps reiterated that Ameren is willing to supply a light source on their pole for a fee of \$5-\$7.00 per month. He also mentioned that his head custodial employee, Dave Daniels is willing to oversee the maintenance of this area. After discussion in regards to the location, lighting, and number of flagpoles a decision was considered. A motion to accept Wilson and Wilson's bid for one 30 foot and two 25 foot flagpoles for \$10, 140.00 was made by Tracy Murray and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Mr. Henson will contact Wilson & Wilson and follow through with a discussion with Dr. Engel and Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Lastly, Chairwoman Debbie Smith explained the signing of the GoodEnergy (Homefield Energy) contract. The rate 8.78 will be locked in for two years on the expiration date in December, 2023. This amount is below Ameren's rate and save Marion County money.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent and Bill Henson followed through with a presentation from the Sub-Committee Codification Meeting held on May 16, 2023. He stated that three companies that offer this service are American Legal Publishing, Illinois Codification Services, and Municode and were evaluated and compared during their meeting. American Legal Publishing was selected by the Sub-Committee to present to the Full Board for their consideration for use this company's services.

Sub-Committee Codification – Continued

State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth explained that Marion County’s Resolutions, Ordinances, and County Board Rules will be codified only. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that a representative from American Legal Publishing will be appearing by video at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled June 13, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion to Approve the Sub-Committee Codification Minutes dated May 16, 2023 was made by Deborah Reed and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley stated that the Road & Bridge Committee does not have any new information for the Full Board.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour mentioned that the minutes from the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting dated May 16, 2023 were not included in the agenda packet. This matter will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting June 13, 2023.

In conclusion, he stated that Nixel/Everbridge is in the process of establishing programs for the individual entities in Marion County. A small issue with the notification system that recently occurred has been resolved. Tracy Murray questioned who to notify for alerts for rural areas. He is to meet with Chairman Steven Whritenour for a response. Bill Henson had concerns in regards to notifying Marion County individuals that this service is available. Steven Whritenour stated that media, social media, and word of mouth are the best choices.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that the Settlement Payment involving the Marion County State’s Attorney’s Office was tabled and will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting June 13, 2023.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp was absent and the approval of the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 9, 2025 was tabled.

The next Broadband Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sheriff Kevin Cripps acknowledged that this last week was Police Memorial Week and wanted to remember Deputy Adam Conrad. He also stated that red arm bracelets are available in the remembrance of Deputy Adam Conrad at his office in the Marion County Sheriff’s Department.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Board Representative Bill Henson stated that everyone is invited to the next Committee Meeting scheduled June 1, 2023 at 5:30 P.M at the Community Resource Center, Centralia.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Board Representative Adam Smith stated that he attended their meeting last week. The Enterprise Zone Committee is currently searching the Marion County area for additional housing projects.

911

Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that the audit needs to be completed in order to release their grant money.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting is next month.

SCIRPD

Board Representative Gary Prucell stated that he attended a meeting last month. Next meeting will be held Tuesday May 30, 2023 at the Salem Elks.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a meeting was held today (May 23, 2023) at the new location at Centralia Chamber of Commerce. Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith stated that she will be attending the next meeting in three months and that everyone is invited to attend.

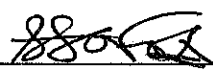
WORKFORCE INVESTMENT

Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that the next meeting is scheduled in June, 2023.

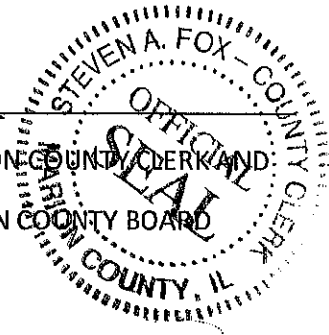
Nothing further to come before the Board, Motion to Adjourn with mileage and per diem was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time Adjourned: 8:26 P.M.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023.



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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 13, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department, Cory Parker, Marion County Sergeant, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, and Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Bruce Kropp, and Ben Stratemeyer, South Central Transit.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tosha Somerville scheduled to discuss issues with dogs and road signs in Luka did not appear.

Rich Frommeyer, Codification Consultant from American Legal Publishing Corporation, appeared via ZOOM for his presentation. He began with an introduction of himself and an overview of the Codification Staff. Next, he explained why their codification services are important. He expressed the advantage of having organization and easy access to current law for municipal employees and the public. American Legal Publishing also will evaluate and update information when necessitated. In regards to customer service, an actual person will respond. He discussed that a service time line from the beginning to most of the project's completion will be within twelve months. In conclusion, the initial cost of their codification service is estimated to be \$9,000.00. Additional costs of \$20.00 per page for supplements and an annual fee of \$500.00 will be implemented. Payment terms were also discussed. In conclusion, Mr. Frommeyer answered questions from Adam Smith and Debbie Smith. He reiterated that a \$20.00 per page fee will be imposed when entering new information or changes are made. He also responded that their services will evaluate Marion County's Resolutions and include them in the codification if deemed necessary. This concluded the American Legal Publishing Corporation presentation.

Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, distributed a Marion County Circuit Clerk Newsletter. She proceeded with stating that the Public WIFI Access project has been completed. She has applied for a grant for Data Integration and provided information on grants that she will be applying for in the future. She stated that the first site visit for the Courtroom electronic update will occur on June 29, 2023 and will provide details of this project at a future Full Board Meeting. The newsletter also furnished guidance to forms on the Illinois Legal Aid website. In conclusion, her staff has attended some trainings.

Ben Stratemeyer, representative of the South Central Transit Board, distributed data on the expansion of the Marlins Shuttle route. He offered to answer any questions or to retrieve the information if he cannot provide a response himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on May 23, 2023 made by Bill Henson with second by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$88,435.33	\$91,612.35
1%	\$45,466.36	\$44,439.91

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$103,818.76 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$64,849.20 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$610,919.65 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2023-03 – The Regional Housing Support Program (RHSP) state fee increase. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Recorder, explained the \$9.00 increase of the recording fee stated within the ordinance beginning July 1. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee - Continued

Resolution 2023-32: Permanent Parcel Number: 06-008-010-00 – Acceptance of full payment delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate and Resolution 2023-33: Permanent Parcel Number: 09-17-303-002 - Acceptance of full payment delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate. The County is to receive \$600.00 from these sales with remaining monies distributed according to law. Omnibus motion to approve these resolutions on said properties made by Christopher Krupp and second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Sheriff Kevin Cripps shared Marion County Public Defender, Craig Griffin’s concern in regards to the security system at the Marion County Public Service Building. At the present time, the Marion County Sheriff’s Department does not have access to any security system footage from that building. Mr. Griffin, with agreement of Sheriff Kevin Cripps, would like for all of the Marion County Buildings’ camera systems to be on one network. This issue will be discussed in the near future.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$1,319,609.11 Committee Chairman Creighton Engel explained this amount includes Ordinance 2023-02 Ameresco (\$1,300,430.84) Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if any engineering releases had been signed in regards to passing the Ordinance 2023-02. Dr. Engel stated that a few releases had been signed by Ameresco. Sheriff Kevin Cripps disclosed that he had not seen any releases, but Ameresco had confirmed with him that four projects had been completed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel continued with stating that the Marion County Courthouse first floor restrooms’ project will be completed within the week. Sheriff Kevin Cripps continued with additional updates. In regards to the Courthouse, he affirmed that the restrooms will be completed soon with the exception that the doors are on backorder and this is causing a delay. They will be operational without them. Issues with the stall doors and toilet paper holders have been resolved. The flooring in the third floor restrooms is being evaluated for changes due to concerns with cleaning. Next, he communicated that the handicap remodeling of the main entry is on hold due to the glass being on backorder. Lastly, the old Boardroom alteration is completed. Rend Lake Plumbing donated fittings to the sink area. He conveyed that his custodian and another staff member would be able to install the countertop and sink in this room. This project with estimates will be discussed at a future Full Board Meeting. He continued with announcing that the flagpoles for the Courthouse have been ordered, but are on backorder and the project may be delayed for 1-2 months.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps reiterated that the Marion County Public Service Building security topic needs to be addressed in the near future. He also relayed that the water pump dilemma in this building still exists after previously repairing two main line breaks. This subject will also need to be addressed soon. Estimates will be conducted by Chairman Creighton Engel.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

He continued with discussion of the Moose Building. Entry may currently be made with the key fobs. The Office Holders and a few of the Board Members will have this option available to them. The security camera footage for the building is obtainable to the Marion County Sheriff's Department. One camera is not working and is a bad camera. It is located for coverage of the main entrance. Security Alarm System has been contacted and they estimate replacement will be approximately \$1,000.00. This will be also need to be addressed in the future. Dr. Engel questioned if it is under warranty. The answer was unknown, but can be researched. Tracy Murray asked if the cameras can be switched, but Sheriff Cripps stated that they are in their proper locations. After entry to the building is made, there is coverage of all the other areas.

In conclusion, the Marion County Sheriff's Department's Shooting Range had several improvements occur during the last few weeks. Marion County Highway Department, Citation Oil, and Fabick Cat have contributed their time and equipment to the project. He shared his gratitude to each of them. The projects with the Sally Ports at the Marion County Sheriff's Department have begun. There has been a temporary alteration to their prisoner's drop off and pick up area while this is being done. The damaged shower panels are currently being repaired, with one completed. The parts for the fire alarm's two-month project have arrived and will start in the near future.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Due to the absence of Chairman Steven Whritenour, Board Member Sharon Woodward conducted the Law Enforcement Committee's presentation.

Approval of Bills: \$60,430.24 Sharon Woodward made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps gave the report on the jail: 745 Incidents, 79 Traffic Stops, 22 Citations – 75 Inmates of which are 18 Federal and 2 Juveniles. 7,362 Meals were served at a cost of \$1.53 per meal. He also reported that his Correctional Officers have been attending several of their required training sessions. He is also working to install two chaplains with the Sheriff's Office. In addition, United Medical Response has donated Rescue Task Force Bags to every deputy, which he acknowledged they are very grateful for. In reference to the squad cars, a third vehicle has been located for the new deputy and he is hoping within the next six months this will be completed. Sheriff Cripps requested that a Law Enforcement Committee Meeting be conducted prior to the next Full Board Meeting in regards to the new Body Camera Laws. Next, he stated that a new scanner has been installed in the dispatch center that will allow the Marion County Sheriff's Department to monitor the Illinois State Police if they are in the Marion County area.

Lastly, he introduced newly promoted Sergeant Cory Parker as his third sergeant. He concluded by stating "as of today, his staff is 100% full."

Creighton Engel had questions in regards to the squad cars which Sheriff Cripps gave a response.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued

Sharon Woodward addressed the Eco-Advantage bid for the bathroom and shower areas in the Marion County Jail. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that this is for the coating for the walls, ceilings, and floors in this area and the two jail cells. Dr. Engel inquired which budget this will be paid from and was informed that it will come from the ¼%. Motion to accept the Eco-Advantage bid for \$9,500.00 and payment made from the ¼% was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$27,463.66 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Administrator, reported that twenty-two dogs were picked up during the month. Ten dogs had to be turned away due to the Marion County Animal Shelter being at maximum capacity and he stated that the stray population is continuing to increase. In addition, two bats were tested. One raccoon was relocated and he went on a hunt for an opossum. The Pet Population Control Fund is still being reviewed and he will give a report as soon as it is available. Mr. Ferguson still would like the Board to consider allowing the elderly to be included in this program. Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested that this issue be addressed in a Committee meeting. Adam Smith questioned the bill for the Animal Control Facility License in the amount of \$300.00. Bill Henson and Deborah Reed clarified that the amount is a \$100.00 annual fee with the \$330.00 fee being a late charge. This is a State fee. Debbie Smith stated that Marion County Board has a \$3,000.00 per month contract only and the over population of the facility should be addressed by the City of Centralia.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner reiterated that the Sub-Committee members recommend that American Legal Publishing Corporation's services be hired for the Marion County codification. He stated that during the presentation from their representative, Rich Frommeyer highlighted that their services include maintenance of their website, easy access to the website for everyone, personal customer service, and that they have a large cliental within the state of Illinois. Mr. Waggoner responded to Bill Henson's question of the estimated cost being a maximum amount of \$12,000.00 initially. There will be the annual fee of \$500.00 and a \$20.00 per page fee for additions. Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth and Marion County Clerk and Recorder, Steve Fox clarified questions in regards to Resolutions and Ordinances included in the codification. Mr. Waggoner affirmed that a link will be posted on the Marion County website. He also disclosed that this service will be appropriated in the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion to accept American Legal Publishing Corporation to engage with their codification services in the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Marion County was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Bill Henson. Prior to Roll Call Vote Steve Fox questioned how it will be paid. Mr. Waggoner expressed that this will be determined when signing the agreement. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$323,089.22 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-28: Ameren Illinois – Perrine Street and Walnut Hill Road. Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer provided an explanation of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-28: Ameren Illinois – Perrine Street and Walnut Hill Road right of way permit was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Brock Wagoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-29: Establish General Speed Restrictions within Marion County on County Roads (Perrine Street). Mr. McCormick stated that he conducted a speed limit study on this area of the road and determined that speed limit can be set at 30 miles per hour. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-29: Establish General Speed Limit Restrictions within Marion County on County Roads (Perrine Street) was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-30: Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Odin Road CH 9. Mr. McCormick provided an explanation of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-30: Improvement Under the Highway Code – Odin Road CH 9 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-31: Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Heinzmann Road CH 35. Mr. McCormick provided an explanation of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-31: Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Heinzmann Road CH 35 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick reported that Heinzmann Road is still in under construction. The Marion County mowing is nearing completion for the first pass. Preparation to oiling is beginning, but this project will not begin until the wheat comes out of the fields.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith announced that he had contact with Jay Wilkins in regards to a display at the Marion County Fairgrounds' Exhibit Building. The Bicentennial Committee has been approved and he will be in further contact with Amy Telford and the Marion County Genealogy Society. The Marion County Farm Bureau is also interested in participating with the exhibit.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent. Motion to approve 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with the Settlement Agreement between the Central Laborer's Pension Fund and Marion County. A thorough explanation was conducted by Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. The decision to decertify the Central Laborer's Union contract by the State's Attorney's office employees was made prior to Attorney Hudspeth being elected into office. He stated that he recently received notification that these monies are due. (\$30,002.65) This amount will be paid from the Contingency Fund. Motion to pay Central Laborer's Pension Fund Settlement Agreement for the amount of \$30, 002.65 from the Contingency Fund was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Broadband Committee Minutes dated May 9, 2023 and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Broadband Committee Minutes dated May 25, 2023 and seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith and Adam Smith explained some details of this committee.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that she has received a request for a conditional liquor license. She is researching this and has tabled this matter. She also relayed that there is one liquor license still available.

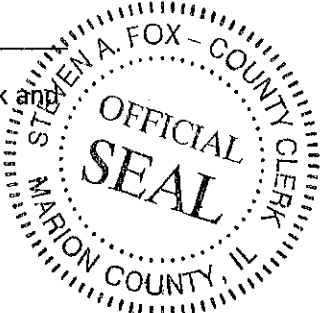
Nothing further to come before the Board, Creighton Engel made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:44 P.M.

Approved: 14 Ayes
Date: 4/27/23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 27, 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.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Bill Smith, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Dennis Rosenberger, Bruce Kropp, and Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of Marion County Board.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, distributed an Annual Report: 2022 Pamphlet. She stated that the purpose of the report is to summarize the statistical aspects and the services they provide for Marion County residents. A list of the Marion County Health Board and the Health Department's staff was also included. Assistance with nursing services, immunizations and screenings, maternal and child health care, and environmental health data was also incorporated. In conclusion, the financial statement was reviewed and it was determined that the cash balance as of November 30, 2022 was \$1,208,675.72. After questioning of the number of staff members, Ms. Mallow affirmed that there are twenty-four. Brock Waggoner questioned the Marion County Health Department's role in the lack of health care providers in the area. She relayed that they do not have a nurse practitioner on staff, but are able to provide immunizations and lab services. Their lab program accepts referrals which are very reasonably priced. Sharon Woodward requested information on Family Case Management. Ms. Mallow stated that it provides education on parenting skills, nutrition, and safety in the home environment. Lastly, Mr. Waggoner mentioned a previous grant obtained for more software and upgrading case management systems for managing pandemics. She stated that it was used for security upgrades provided by XT Solutions and included WIFI to the Salem office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on June 13, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Resolution 2023-34: Adopting Cost of Living Adjustment for Marion County State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-34: Adopting Cost of Living Adjustment for Marion County State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if this was included in the salaries within the budget. Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth reiterated that Cost of Living adjustment does not come out until the State does its budget in the spring of this year. He stated that it is factored in his budget and each department effected should have managed their own budget. The state will cover 66 2/3% of the increase. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began with a discussion in regards to a bid for resealing and restriping the Marion County Sheriff Department's parking lot. A proposal from Tri-County Seal Coating, LLC was presented in the amount of \$4,800.00. A second bid is expected in the near future. This matter was tabled for the Full Board Meeting in July, 2023.

The next topic of conversation was the old Boardroom in the Marion County Courthouse that has been remodeled. Dr. Engel conveyed that the original plans for this room was for it to be used as a multiple purpose meeting room. County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith and Tim Hudspeth spoke with reference to office holders using this room for meeting or training occasions. Access to a sink, small refrigerator, and microwave will still be available.

In addition, new information was unavailable for the water pump leak and security cameras in the Marion County Public Services Building. Dr. Engel stated that placing all of the security cameras in the Marion County Buildings on one system is still being addressed. The Sally Port remodeling in the Marion County Sheriff's Department is progressing well. The restrooms in the Marion County Courthouse are nearly complete.

In conclusion, Adam Smith raised the concern from Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, in regards to the Marion County Employee/Public Parking area. She stated via email that one of her employees has had to repair multiple flat tires within the last eighteen months due to parking in that locale. Dr. Engel announced it will be a costly event and taking bids will be the next step. Brock Waggoner questioned the parameters due to it being a previous Amoco sight. Debbie Smith inquired to applying another load of rock to the lot, and suggested to speak with SCIRPD with respect to grants that may be offered. Jack Riley raised concerns that the lot is owned by the city of Salem. Debbie Smith clarified that its current owner is Marion County. Steven Bradley was asked for his opinion, and he felt that covering with additional rock may not solve the problems. Brock Waggoner mentioned consulting with the Marion County Highway Engineer. Steve Fox stated that the engineer was previously contacted and his opinion was to fill in the low spots with blacktop and level it, but was not in favor of concrete.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

Drainage onto city streets is a concern with any repairs. Criticism is currently occurring and Dr. Engel has concerns of placing unattractive areas of asphalt and causing more complications. Brock Waggoner has apprehension of someone injuring themselves and filing a lawsuit. He suggests engaging an architect or engineer to draw up plans prior to obtaining bids from potential contractors.

Prior to moving to the next Committee's report, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith communicated that a Building & Historical Committee and Financial & Insurance Committee combined meeting will be occurring in the near future. She would like an updated priority list of things to do from the Elected Officials so that an estimate of monies can be addressed at that meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour began with a discussion in regards to the body cameras for the Marion County Law Enforcement Officials. He had a conversation with Sheriff Kevin Cripps, who had recently been in contact with Axon International, a body cam and taser company. Sheriff Cripps has obtained a bid for their services. Chairwoman Debbie Smith mentioned that Sheriff Cripps would like to appropriate \$100,000.00 per year for the body cameras from the ¼% tax Revenue. Mr. Whritenour is currently utilizing Axon equipment in his Centralia office and has recently been through the bidding process for an additional five-year contract. It is anticipated that Sheriff Cripps will arrange for a representative from Axon International to appear via ZOOM for a presentation at the next Committee Meeting scheduled on July 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Sheri Barter, EDSA Coordinator, raised the issue with the audit and the no pay. She stated that she has FEMA monies that have been withheld due to the delays with the completion of the audit and will soon be unattainable. Christopher Krupp questioned how soon the monies will no longer be available. He stated that the matters at question are currently being addressed, but does not have a time frame when it will be finalized. Several obstacles remain due to this difficult situation with no fault of the Marion County Board. Chairwoman Debbie Smith expressed the difficulty in finding auditors for Marion County over the past years due to it having fund accounts. An excellent company has now been found. Brock Waggoner disputed that corrections to rectify these barriers have not occurred. Creighton Engel, Debbie Smith, and Steve Fox were in agreement that \$60,000.00 was spent in 2021 for training of the Marion County Treasurer's personnel which had previously been suggested. The rectification will be determined at the conclusion of the current audit that is being addressed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson stated that Ken Ferguson, Marion County Control Administer, presented his report at the June 13, 2023 meeting. In addition, Mr. Henson relayed that the Marion County Courthouse flagpoles will be set in place in the next couple of weeks.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Chairmen Brock Waggoner reiterated that completion of the final paperwork and payment with the 2024 Budget will allow this service to begin.

→ Prior to approval of minutes - 3-Abby Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that in 2021 only \$16,362.99 was spent on the entire Accounting Software System. This included payroll, accounts payable, cash receipting, general ledger reconciling, needed tax documents for employees, & tech support.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley stated there is no new business to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour began by relaying information that was discussed at the Committee meeting that took place prior to the Full Board meeting tonight. The Nixel/Everbridge system is not being acknowledged at this time. Tornado sirens in Marion County was the current topic up for discussion. Marion County 911/ESDA representatives are in the process of obtaining bids for a complete replacement of the system in Marion County. The Committee is expecting presentations from three tornado siren companies to be organized and held within the next couple months at their meetings. Information will then be conveyed to the Marion County Full Board.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, communicated to the Full Board that she would like to replace all of the padlocks on the tornado sirens. She has obtained bids for fifty padlocks from two different companies. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the July 11, 2023 Full Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with discussion on the agreement of the settlement with the Central Laborer's Pension Fund and the Marion County State's Attorney's office. The total amount of the final payment is \$29,678.65. This sum is below the amount that was previously approved. Motion to approve the final payment \$29,678.65 for the Settlement with the Central Laborer's Pension Fund and the Marion County State's Attorney was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed Resolution 2023-35: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Marion County, Illinois. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-35: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Marion County, Illinois was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Debbie Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner asked to table this matter because the State's Statute is not included in Resolution 2023-35 and it also does not state that 25% of Marion County is unserved at this time. Brock Waggoner made a motion to table Resolution 2023-35: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Marion County, Illinois to make amendments and seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Mr. Krupp questioned Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth if the amendments are normal. He stated that it is normal, but it does not affect the Resolution. It does not contain any legal aspects therefore does not need to include the statute. As for the addition that 25% of the residents do not have service may demonstrate that there is a necessity for our county. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Creighton Engel). Motion passed. Mr. Waggoner will be sending more specific information to be included in the Resolution, which will then be forwarded to the Committee Chairman and the members.

Broadband Committee - continued

Chairman Christopher Krupp continued his discussion with new Broadband information that he just received. He stated that the next stage is writing the grant. His understanding is that the County Board is responsible for the grant. He will be researching this issue and provide more details in the near future.

Motion to approve the Broadband Committee Meeting minutes dated June 13, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began his discussion with information in regards to the Bicentennial Exhibit at the Marion County Fairgrounds during fair week. He has been in contact with Amy Telford who is in charge of the exhibit hall. He would like to consider having a combined exhibit with the DAR, Historical, and Genealogy Committees. The Marion County Farm Bureau and the American Legion would also like be involved. After talking with John Shaw, who is very knowledgeable about the history of the area, Mr. Smith is taking into consideration having Mr. Shaw and others take part in a question and answer session at the exhibit building.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

No report

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBBIE SMITH

No report

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Steven Whritenour, Marion County Board Representative, stated that converting to digital communications has become a priority. This topic will be further addressed at their meetings.

708 Mental health Board

Bill Henson, Marion County Board Representative, stated that the approval was finalized for their website. It is now available on line. The next meeting is scheduled September 7, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. at the Sandoval High School Cafetorium.

Marion County Health Department

Dr. Creighton Engel, Marion County Board Representative, referred to Melissa Mallow's presentation for information.

Reports from Special Committees – continued

SCIRPD

Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Representative, stated that a meeting convened this evening.

Marion County Housing Authority

Steven Whritenour, Marion County Board Representative, stated that a meeting was held this morning. He highlighted that Marion County Housing is having an issues with finding contractors to do work and often their bids are considerably too high for their budget. In addition, they schedule 150 appointments a month and approximately 50% are “No shows.” Director Kelly Tinsley is in the midst of resolving this problem by possibly confirming appointments within 24 hours and having a waiting list.

WIB (Workforce Investment Board)

Deborah Reed, Marion County Board Representative, was unable to attend the June meeting, but is planning to attend the next scheduled meeting in September, 2023.

Enterprise Zone

Adam Smith and Christopher Krupp, Marion County Board Representatives, stated that their meetings are scheduled every three months. Therefore, nothing new to report.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

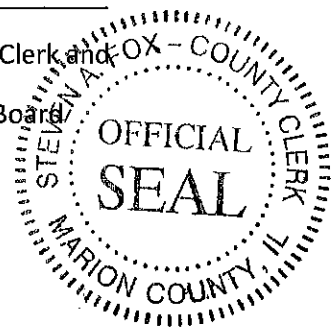
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Next meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2023



Steve A Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of the Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, and Bruce Kropp (arrived late).

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that \$45 million taxes are to be collected. Payments are starting to be made in his office, or via phone calls, mail, on line, escrow payments, and e-checks.

Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, updated the Board on his office. He began his discussion in regards to the grant that Judge Ericka Sanders and Judge Mark Stedelin received last year for a Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Prosecutor. A couple of weeks ago Judge Sanders received an application for renewal of the grant. Unfortunately, one of the grant's caveats is that the attorney only work with Juvenile Abuse and Neglect cases. His office, at this time, only employs one other assistant, and he solely manages those cases. He is accepting applications for two other assistants, but at this time he is unable to apply for the grant renewal. Chairwoman Debbie Smith questioned if he would be able to reapply in the future. Attorney Hudspeth reiterated that it is an annual item, and he feels that he would be able to.

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, relayed that his office has received many complaints in regards to the assessments and the amount of the taxes from Marion County residents.

Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, was in agreement with Attorney Hudspeth that an additional attorney is needed in the State's Attorney's Office. She stated that mental health cases have severely increased in the past few years and the lack of an attorney in his office is causing issues with scheduling of the regular docket.

Those Who Wish to Address the Board – Continued

Chairwoman Debbie Smith had questions concerning the salary for the attorney to be hired. Attorney Hudspeth stated that the pay provided to a Traffic and Misdemeanor Assistant Attorney in Marion County is comparable with other counties. Private pay has increased significantly recently and is a major issue of concern.

Mrs. Smith acknowledged that the Marion County Board is thankful to hear that Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps' wife's health is improving. He expressed his appreciativeness for all of the calls, texts, and prayers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on June 27, 2023 made by Steven Bradley with second by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Gary Purcell clarified that in 2021 only \$16,362.99 was spent on training for his office. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$91,321.48	\$88,728.34
1%	\$38,190.03	\$46,101.76

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$152,231.09 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$40,144.88 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$912,928.14 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-37: Permanent Parcel Number: 11-00-013-780 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$293.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-37 made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that a combined meeting with the Building & Historical Committee is scheduled Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The items on the agenda include the priority lists from the Elected Officials on improvements and remodeling and a discussion of one of the County's bonds.

Finance & Insurance Committee - Continued

Lastly, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that a combined meeting with the Building & Historical Committee is scheduled Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The items on the agenda include the priority lists from the Elected Officials on improvements and remodeling and a discussion of one of the County's bonds.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$25,348.52 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel continued with Old Business updates. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that the cameras at the Moose Building have been installed and all of the cameras in the building are now working properly. He also stated that the cost of the cameras was considerably less than previously anticipated. Next, Dr. Engel spoke in regards to the water leak in the Marion County Public Service Building. He has had discussions that it may be a spring located below the building and that the drainage may be causing the problems. This matter will be investigated further. Furthermore, the Sally Port at the Sheriff's Department is nearing completion. Installing the window and applying the epoxy to the floor will be the final steps. In reference to the employee parking lot, Dr. Engel shared that he had talked with Trish Lund, EDA Planner for SCiRPD. She informed him that more grants will be available in the future. Therefore, he recommends getting in touch with several contractors for their input on the resurfacing and repairs of the parking lot. This information will be utilized in applying for the grants. Lastly, Environmental Resources, Inc. completed the removal of the mold in the Moose Building. Additionally, the issues with the upstairs portion of the building have been disposed of and everything has been cleaned.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel reiterated that a combined meeting with the Finance & Insurance Committee is scheduled Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Before proceeding to the next Committee's report, Steven Whritenour inquired if a temporary fix to the parking lot could be made by applying rock. Steven Bradley had previously consulted with Mike McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer, and this process is not an option. Chairman Creighton Engel suggested closing off the front portion of the lot and make use of the back portion.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$78,180.60 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour asked Sheriff Kevin Cripps to discuss the bids for the Marion County Sheriff's Department parking lot. The last repairs to the lot were finished approximately 6-7 years ago. He stated that a second bid had come in, but was \$2,000.00 more than the first bid. He recommends following through with the bid from Tri-County Seal Coating. It includes sealing, restriping, and repairing the cracks on the lot. The company will stripe 10-foot parking spaces which will eliminate one handicap spot. Motion to approve the Tri-County Seal Coating proposal of \$4,800.00 for sealing, restriping, and repairing cracks of the Marion County Sheriff's Departments parking lot was made by Steve Whritenour and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented the report on the jail: 91 Traffic Stops, 31 Citations – 72 Inmates of which are 18 Federal and 2 Juveniles. He commended his staff in regards to operating and conducting business during his absence.

In conclusion, Sheriff Cripps briefly discussed the presentation from Axon Enterprise. He addressed the requirement of having body cameras for his department in place by January 1, 2025. This is a very expensive project. He stated that he requested a bundle proposal from Axon Enterprise for body cameras, in car cameras, and Tasers. He relayed that Axon products are currently being used by Salem and Centralia Police Departments, therefore they will be relevant for the Marion County Sheriff's Department. They offer a 5-year contract which would provide safety equipment for all Marion County Officers and automobiles. The total cost would be \$417, 101.02, with an additional \$4,400.00 for the Respond Plus, that allows the GPS feature on the body cameras. The charges also include replacement of the body cameras every 2 ½ years and the replacement of the in car cameras every 5 years. This equipment will be fully up to date. A warranty for all equipment damaged in the line of duty is also included. He will present the full information and proposal to the Full Board Members at the next meeting for approval and request that payment be made from the Safety Tax Fund. Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth is in extreme agreement with the Axon Enterprise proposal. Steven Whritenour also discussed the benefit of the Axon Capture and getting information from the victim of a specific incident. The activation procedure of the cameras was also explained. For example, mobilizing the body camera can be done by taking the Taser out of its holster, turning on the lights in the vehicle, the speed of the vehicle, or manually. Chairman Steven Whritenour and Sheriff Kevin Cripps reiterated that if it saves one officer's life it will pay for itself.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$31,580.20 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Chairman Bill Henson clarified that a portion of the total amount (\$31, 441.00) was for printing, processing, and postage of the Marion County voter registration cards. Roll Call Vote: All eyes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Administrator, reported that sixteen dogs, one bat, one raccoon, and one deer were picked up during the month. He also reported that nails and screws were thrown in his personal driveway and a fire was set in his yard. Sheriff Kevin Cripps relayed that an investigation is being conducted. Chairman Bill Henson continued with a discussion of the Animal Control Act. Individuals receiving food stamps or Social Security disability benefits are eligible for the assistance. In addition, the County may also set up special programs for assistance to certain individuals. The monies may be used for vaccinations, spaying, and neutering, but does not include the purchase of food. Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested tabling the matter for a later date. Judith Meeks-Hakim commended Mr. Ferguson for his services with a personal issue at her home.

Chairman Bill Henson continued with the next topic of discussion, which was the flagpoles at the Marion County Courthouse. He stated that the installation of the poles has been completed. Sheriff Kevin Cripps added that the lights will be installed by the end of this week. Chairwoman Debbie Smith praised Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, for his involvement with this project and his performance with additional tasks for Marion County. Sheriff Cripps and Dr. Engel were in total agreement.

County & Community Committee - Continued

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent, therefore nothing to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$314,470.65 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Steven Bradley gave advance warning that oil and chipping will begin causing a large increase in billing for the next month.

Resolution 2023-36: Raccoon Water Company – 3323 Odin Road. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-36: Raccoon Water Company – 3323 Odin Road was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Whritenour questioned which bridges are involved with the grants that were received for Marion County. This information can be found on the WJBD website.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith was absent, therefore nothing to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENHOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour began with the discussion of the padlock bids for the tornado sirens in Marion County. Two proposals for fifty locks were presented by Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, at the previous Full Board Meeting. Motion for approval of the purchase of fifty padlocks from Hodge Products, Inc. (Master Locks) in the amount of \$772.59 was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour relayed to the Board that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening with a presentation from Jeff Ryba, Braniff Communications Representative which is a manufacturer for Federal Signal in Illinois. Two additional presentations from tornado siren manufacturers are scheduled for the Committee in the near future.

Motion to approve 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 27, 2023 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Sheri Barter stated that she has been in communications with GATA who transferred her to a GATU supervisor to discuss the issues with the grants. The supervisor is researching to see if an extended waiver until the end of the year is an option. A report in regards to this matter will be relayed prior to the next Full Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith was absent, therefore nothing to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with a discussion in regards to Resolution 2023-35: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Residents and Areas for Marion County, Illinois. Additional information was not provided to Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. The Resolution will remain the same and be on the placed on the agenda for approval at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

No report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

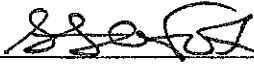
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Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

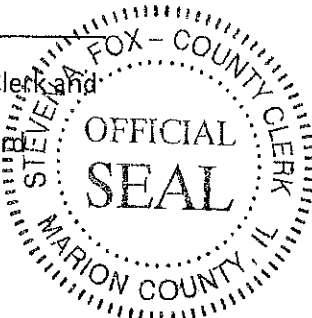
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Approved: SF

Date: 7/25/23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Brad Hester, Marion County Farm Bureau Vice President, Steve Brummel, Marion County Farm Bureau President, Brad Conant, Marion and Clinton County Farm Bureau Certified Manager, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, and Bruce Kropp (arrived late).

Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman, requested to begin the meeting with the County & Community Committee's report. She explained that the Committee will be asking for approval of Resolution 2023-38: Support of Marion County Agriculture. She proceeded by introducing the Marion County Farm Bureau Members, Steve Brummel, President, Brad Hester, Vice President, and Brad Conant, Certified Manager for Marion and Clinton Counties. County and Community Committee Chairman, Bill Henson turned the discussion over to Steve Brummel. Mr. Brummel began by relaying information in regards to the Marion County Farm Bureau and agriculture in Marion County. Mr. Conant continued with reference to the purpose of presenting the Resolution to the Marion County Board. He also explained that this will allow the Farm Bureau to get more involved with the community and its projects.

Committee Chairman, Bill Henson, made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-38: Support of Marion County Agriculture and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Farm Bureau Members stayed for the remainder of the Full Board Meeting.

Mr. Henson continued with the report from the County and Community Committee. The next topic of discussion was the Animal Control Act that was tabled from the July 11, 2023 Full Board Meeting. He reiterated that a statute states that the distribution of monies only pertains to individuals that are eligible for the Food Stamp Program and the Social Security and Disability Program. The funds are limited to helping pay for spaying, neutering, and vaccinations for their pets. State's Attorney,

Tim Hudspeth advised the Board to not alter the requirements due to the wording of the statute. The statutes that are involved with the Animal Control Act are 510 ILCS 5/3.5 and 510 ILCS 92/25. The applications for this program can be obtained through the individual's veterinarian. Lastly, the finances for this program come from the Marion County Pet Population Control Fund.

The next subject of discussion was the Courthouse Flagpoles. Mr. Henson relayed that Dave Daniels, from maintenance, proposed placing paver bricks around the poles. They may be purchased and engraved at the individual's expense and the funds will go to the business in which they are obtained. More information is needed and will be conveyed to the Board in the near future. Sheriff Kevin Cripps communicated that the light for the flags has been put in place. He added that the lights around the Courthouse are also working and the Courthouse is very attractive at night. One final note was made in regards to banners being placed around the flagpole area. Sheriff Cripps will advise placing the banners in the area beside and away from the poles to avoid any distractions.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that the First Installment of Property taxes are due Thursday, July 27, 2023.

Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, relayed that he is currently seeking to employ two Assistant State's Attorneys.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes held on July 11, 2023 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from Marion County Board of Health to appoint Dr. Seth Hahs to fill the vacancy of Dr. Aziz Rahman, who resigned and term expires November 30, 2023, was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCIAL & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with discussion of the Fifteen-year bond secured 5 years ago for the new broiler and air conditioning system at the Courthouse. The payment can be made at a 5-year rate or a 10-year rate. He expressed that this topic was discussed at the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees' Meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023. A decision was made to request approval of the 5-year payment option with payments of \$53, 415.34 per year with final payment of \$11,256.21. This will save the County approximately \$30-35,000.00 in interest. The payments were previously made with the 5-year payment plan. Motion to accept the 5-year payment plan was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees' Meeting Minutes was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began with stating that there was no new information in regards to the security cameras at the Marion County Public Service Building.

Next, the \$6,000.00 bid from Tate's Plumbing for the re-pipe/re-route sump pump discharge line from the Marion County Public Service Building stands. The situation has been an issue for several years. Motion to approve Tate's Plumbing bid of \$6,000.00 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Furthermore, the finishing touches of the remodeling of the Old Boardroom at the Courthouse were discussed. Bids for new flooring and painting of the room will be addressed in the near future.

Dr. Engel continued with details of resurfacing of the employee parking lot. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, relayed that there are four potential bidders. The contractors were asked for estimates for the front lot only and also for the front and back lots combined. Three bids were under \$500,00.00. Two bids were for asphalt and the other two for concrete. After consideration, Mr. Miller suggests to follow through with Marion County Highway Engineer, Michael McCormick's recommendations of involving IDOT and IEPA to avoid any issues which may arise. More information on the property is needed prior to accepting any bids. Dr. Engel is hopeful that the basic data will be available by the next Combined Financial & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees' Meeting on August 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

In addition, Sheriff Kevin Cripps continued with a report on the resurfacing and repainting of the Marion County Sheriff's Department's parking lots. This project will be accomplished during a weekend in the near future. The resurfacing and repainting will include 10-foot parking spaces and will exclude one handicap parking area in each lot. David Iossi raised questions with reference to availability of parking spaces for individuals conducting Courthouse tasks. Sheriff Cripps clarified that the Office Holders have their own parking place in the Marion County Sheriff Department's lot and a number of Marion County employees are utilizing the Church's parking areas. Communication between the Church and the Sheriff in regards to the use of their areas does occur.

An update on the Sally Port was also given. Sheriff Cripps is very pleased with the work that has taken place and should be completed in a couple of weeks. It is more accommodating for all of the officers, including himself. The addition of the window assists with the Sergeants', the Dispatch Officer's and the Booking Officer's view of the arrival of cars in to the Sally Port. The Booking Officer can also observe any activity in the body scanning area also. A walk in door, that was to be discarded, will be put in place of a window in this area to eliminate the frequent use of the large garage doors. After discussion with Ameresco, they are willing to donate their time and placement of the walk in door. Painting of the Sally Port will also include the holding cells and the doors inside the Booking Area.

Chairman Creighton Engel continued with reports on additional projects. He addressed the Handicap Entrance Doors' assignment. The glass for the doors is on backorder with no estimated time for delivery. A handout was distributed to reveal that the restroom doors on the first floor of the Courthouse have been installed and are very attractive. The restroom sinks, the trim around the men's room, and the floors of the third floor restrooms remain in the process of being repaired. Christopher Krupp reported that the odor at the Public Service Building is still an issue. Tate's Plumbing has been contacted and will analyze the problem within the next week.

Building & Historical Committee Continued

In conclusion, Sharon Woodward commended Steven Bradley for removing the metal objects from the employee parking lot after the last meeting. Chairwoman Debbie Smith also expressed gratitude to Mark Miller for his involvement with gathering information in regards to repairing the lot.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Due to the absence of Chairman Steven Whritenour, Sharon Woodward conducted the Law Enforcement Committee's presentation.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps was allowed to address the Board. He began with the Marion County Jail report: 70 inmates of which 17 Federal and 2 Juveniles.

In reference to the Axon Enterprise proposal, three bids for the equipment have been presented to the Full Board. Sheriff Cripps stated that a presentation from Axon Enterprises had taken place at a Law Enforcement Committee Meeting on July 11, 2023. In addition, he reiterated that by law his department will be mandated to have body cameras in place by January 1, 2025. Centralia and Salem Police Departments are currently utilizing three Axon items. The three articles include Body Cameras, In Car Cameras, and Tasers. A very positive aspect for these products is the software. It is up to date and will lessen the time an officer has to work on his reports.

He continued with information pertaining to funding. A five-year payment option is available. The total price for all of the equipment is \$444,170.98. This can be divided into installments. The first year's amount is \$135,531.00 and the following four years' payments are \$77,159.09. This will include replacement of the new body cameras every 2 ½ years and new In Car Cameras and Tasers every 5 years. The Tasers can also be replaced anytime that they are damaged in the line of duty. He feels that this purchase is for officer safety and would suggest using the funds from the Safety Tax. Axon Enterprises would be an additional line item beginning on the YR2024 Budget and each year thereafter in the amount of \$100,000.00.

In conclusion to this investment, Sheriff Cripps relayed even though this is a large expense for Marion County, that there are several benefitting factors. For example, if it saves one officer's life it will pay for itself. This equipment will also be the most advanced available. The Dispatcher's for Marion County will have access to the officer's location through the cameras and GPS. This option is included in the Rapid Response Plus for the Body Cameras and In Car Cameras. The consolidation of the Centralia and Salem Police Departments and include the Marion County Sheriff's Department will be very beneficial to the Marion County State's Attorney's office also.

Motion to approve the Axon Enterprise's proposal for the total amount of \$444,170.98 was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Sheriff Cripps expressed his appreciation to the Full Board.

The next item reviewed was the School Resource Officers for the schools interested. Sheriff Cripps disclosed that Marion County passed a Safety Tax through the schools a few years ago that distributes the monies to the schools within the County and may be utilized for this service. He requested that the Region Superintendent of the Schools, Matt Renauld and himself hold a meeting with all of the Superintendents in Marion County. After meeting with all of them, four schools are currently interested. The schools include South Central, Patoka, Selmaville, and Raccoon. One officer will be

Law Enforcement Committee Continued

Craig
~~Greg~~ Viera, was nominated last school year as the most influential person by the student body. The Resource Officer is not only present for safety, but to build a rapport with the students. The cost was given for each officer which is to be divided between two schools. The first year the cost will be \$142,600.00. The reason for the increased amount is due to the expense of a new vehicle, equipment, and uniforms. An adjustment can be made if a used car is purchased instead of a new one. The following years' total will be \$71,300.00 for this service. Dr. Engel and Sheriff Cripps explained how the Officers could be utilized during the summer and Christmas breaks. Further details and negotiations will be conveyed to the Marion County Board in the near future.

Motion to allow Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to follow through with the study of addition of two School Resource Officers was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 11, 2023 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

No report due to Chairman Steven Bradley being absent.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with discussion of the Marion County Bicentennial Coins suggested by Mark Decker. Coins for the County have previously been made and distributed. The expense will be covered by donations only with no monies from Marion County. The breakdown of the expenses was given by Deborah Reed and was as followed: 50 -\$8.48 each, 100 - \$5.02 each, 290 - \$3.72 each with an addition of \$150 for the 3d Mold charge, shipping and possibly sales tax if applicable. Mark Decker will be managing of this project and is asking for support from the Marion County Board.

Motion to acknowledge Mark Decker and authorize him to strike the Marion County Bicentennial Coins was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Smith continued by stating that he and Chairwoman Debbie Smith attended the Marion County Genealogical & Historical Society meeting the previous evening. Mark Decker conducted a very informative presentation in regards to formation of Marion County.

In conclusion, information and arrangements for speakers at the exhibit at the Marion County Fairgrounds during Fair Week are still being discussed. Congressman Mike Bost may possibly be present one day to present the Bicentennial Proclamation.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Due to the absence of Chairman Steven Whritenour no reports were addressed.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith proceeded with a request for a Motion to approve minutes. Motion to approve 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 11, 2023 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith reiterated that the Settlement Agreement between the Central Laborer's Pension Fund and Marion County State's Attorney Office has been completed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Broadband Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. He relayed that during the meeting a decision was made to present the original Broadband Resolution with an exception of omitting "to ensure" from the "**NOW THEREFORE**" paragraph. A revised version will be prepared by State's Attorney Hudspeth.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-35: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Residents and Areas of Marion County, Illinois with newly proposed language was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Chairman Mr. Krupp had communicated with the City of Salem in regards to passing a similar Resolution and they have approved one. He will also be in contact with the City of Centralia. A decision was made to present the topic for the Support Resolution to Township Supervisors for the rural areas.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

No report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

No report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson relayed that the next meeting will be September 7, 2023 at the Sandoval High School.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that the next meeting will be in August, 2023.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that a meeting was scheduled for this evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim relayed that Commissioner Training will be in October, 2023. She also stated that a Property Manager position is available due to a resignation that took place yesterday.


Prior to the conclusion of the Full Board Meeting, Marion County Treasurer, Gary Purcell conveyed that the Budget Meetings for all Marion County Elected Officials, Department Heads, and Special Committees are scheduled on August 17, 2023 beginning at 8:00 A.M and will continue throughout the day.

Nothing else to come before the Board, David lossi made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Creighton Engel. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:27 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 8-8-23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Matt Packman, Morning Sentinel, Wayne S. Walker, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Stacey Arenas, Marion County 911, Claude Howell, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer, Bill Smith, Judy Shafer, and Bruce Kropp.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Stacey Arenas from Marion County 911 addressed the Full Board Members with concerns in regards to the Audit and its issues. She began by discussing the challenges she is having with receiving two grants. The most recent is a \$80,000.00 grant for municipal equipment that she required to have by 2025. She stated it has been denied due to Marion County being on the stop pay. The second is for a \$215,000.00 reimbursement grant that was awarded over a year ago for previously purchased equipment. This was going to be for a radio project for the County which is no longer going to occur due to not receiving the monies again due to the stop pay. Ms. Arenas has spoken with the State's 911 Administrator who stated that payments were processed in July, 2023 and directed her to speak with the Comptroller's office. Unfortunately, their office was not able to give out any information. She conveyed that this is an abundant amount of funds that she is deprived of. Christopher Krupp, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, replied that a phone conversation with the Auditors is scheduled for the following day for an update on any audit issues. The delay is caused by reconciliation of a couple of accounts. Once resolved the Auditors feel that the final process will be completed fairly quickly. Mr. Krupp will notify the Department Heads after their conversation.

Chairwoman, Debbie Smith, relayed that the Marion County Board is not to be blamed and requested that Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, address the matter at hand. Brock Waggoner cut in and stated that he disagreed. Mrs. Smith clarified that she had asked Mr. Purcell for his input. Gary Purcell reiterated that the Auditor, the County Board hired, will be conducting a meeting the following day.

Re: Full Board Meeting Agenda 8/22/23

Brock Waggoner <bwaggoner@marionco.illinois.gov>

Fri 8/18/2023 2:50 PM

To:Lori Linder <llinder@marionco.illinois.gov>

Cc:Tim Hudspeth <thudspeth@marionco.illinois.gov>;Steve Fox <countyclerk@marionco.illinois.gov>;Debbie Smith <dsmith@marionco.illinois.gov>

Lori,

I will not be at the meeting on Tuesday as I will be out of town on Business.

For the public comment period concerning the audits that it leaves out many things that occurred.

- 1) Mr. Waggoner raised the issue of there being 4 years of previous audits that showed that the accounting was an ongoing issue.
- 2) Gary Purcell was not recognized prior to my comment to the chair.
- 3) Sharon Woodward made public comments concerning the problems with finding auditors after the previous auditors quit.
- 4) Brock Waggoner gave a public comment period after the chair tried to gavel him down. A point of order was inquired of to the parliamentarian Mr. Tim Hudspeth who confirmed that Mr. Waggoner had the ability to speak.
- 5) Mr. Waggoner's called on the board to quit playing political games and fix the significant issue occurring for years as reported by previous auditors.
- 6) Mr. Claude Howell also provided public comments concerning his candidacy for Marion County Corner and that he planned to work with the board if elected.
- 7) Mr. Waggoner called for a point of order concerning him giving an election speech as his public comment and the chair not recognizing this point of order.

I have included a link to a recording of the audit portion of the meeting for referencing as the current record does not reflect actual events. <https://fb.watch/mvxcOhdbXJ/>

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Those Who Wish to Address the Board – Continued

He would like to wait and see what is discussed at that time. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith, explained that after the balancing issues are resolved that the remaining portions of the Audit should be completed directly. Mr. Waggoner raised concerns with issues from the past four years.

Mrs. Smith proceeded and asked if there was anyone else who wished to address the Board. Full Board Member, Sharon Woodward emphasized that hiring someone to conduct the Audit in the past was a difficult task. Brock Waggoner continued with voicing his concerns in regards to the Audit. He called for a Point of Order for a public comment from State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth. Attorney Hudspeth voiced that he may be entitled to a short public comment. Mr. Waggoner proceeded with his view of what the County Board should follow through with. He Stated "as a Board, we need to do better. We need to identify the issues with correcting this." In his opinion, this is not an issue with finding an Auditor and not correcting Audit findings prior to that. He expressed that complications were previously occurring for four years, and the County is losing a substantial amount of dollars from funds currently due to this difficult situation. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith took notice and stated that solutions are being addressed and the corrections should resolve any future obstacles.

The meeting continued with guest, Claude Howell introducing himself as a candidate for the Marion County Coroner in 2024. Brock Waggoner called for a Point of Order that the Board should not allow campaigning during a meeting. Chairwoman, Mrs. Smith took notice. Bill Henson clarified that Mr. Howell was only introducing himself to the Board and that he is willing to work with the Board. Mr. Howell did not state a political party he was running under.

Next, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, relayed that she has received approval for a \$8,800.00 grant. She stated that the monies will be used for a reception desk for the check in area for the Courtrooms on the third floor. This locale will also provide self-help information to the public. She intends to use a portion of the amount for signage on the third floor also. Furthermore, she announced that Marion County is getting a Justice Fellow from another Grant Program. This person will be working with seven Counties in the Circuit and provide assistance with people representing themselves.

Lastly, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, disclosed that the Marion County Mobile Home Taxes are due Friday, August 11, 2023. His office is processing the first installment of the Marion County Real Estate Taxes and will have the distribution by the end of the month. Board Member, Creighton Engel commended Gary Purcell for offering various types of options to the Community to pay their taxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated July 25, 2023 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Christopher Krupp after correction was addressed. Prior to the second, Sharon Woodward noted a correction needed to be made in regards to the name of the Salem High School Resource Officer. His name should be corrected from "Greg" to "Craig". Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Due to the absence of Steve Fox, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, announced the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$92,915.55	\$86,940.72
1%	\$40,043.58	\$26,491.74

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$123,259.66 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$79,140.46 Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp explained that the slight increase was due to the Cyber Liability Statement. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner inquired if any relief was received due to the Cyber upgrades that were done. Creighton Engel spoke that this is bid out once a year. Mr. Waggoner continued by questioning a \$1,500.00 payment for County Services. Christopher Krupp responded that this charge is for a representative's services that is working with WIPFLI on the reconciliation of the accounts on the audit. He was also concerned with the bills that have past due balances. This matter will be addressed after consulting with Steve Fox. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$625,474.20 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman, Christopher Krupp proceeded with the subject of the U of I Extension Levy increase from \$153,00.00 to \$160,000.00 effective their fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 for 2025. Steven Bradley, Marion County Board Member had attended their meeting where this was addressed. He conveyed that there was not an increase last year, and they are asking for a 4.9% increase. This amount is still slightly lower than what is needed due to their agency being fully staffed at this time. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith also attended the meeting and relayed that it pays for their rent and local employees. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Mrs. Smith commented that this is paid out in payments which Gary Purcell verified that it is paid out by the distributions. Brock Waggoner asked if a budgetary item list is available from the Extension. Mr. Bradley's and Mrs. Smith's response was that information is available in the packet from their meeting and is included with the Full Board Meeting packet. Steven Bradley reiterated that being fully staffed at this time is a main cause. Motion to increase U of I Extension Levy from \$153,00.00 to \$160,000.00 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance: Chairman Christopher Krupp - Continued

Lastly, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting with Bellwether and County Officials re: FY24 proposed Budget is scheduled Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Marion County Board Room at the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith directed any questions in regards to rescheduling be discussed with Bellwether.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$131,086.98 Committee Chairman Creighton Engel gave an explanation of the Security Alarm System and Top Electric bills. Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel continued with conveying that a Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees' Meeting was held on Thursday, August 3, 2023. A topic of discussion was the purchase of new furnishings for the Marion County Boardroom. Dr. Engel explained that the tables' dimensions are 5 foot by 24 inches and collapsible. The podium is mobile and can be stored when not in use. Motion to approve the purchase of 10 new tables (344.37 each) and a new podium (\$94.99) was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) was tabled.

Old Business topics were next addressed. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that the subject of security cameras at the Public Service Building will be discussed at his next meeting with Security Alarm Systems in the near future.

Committee Chairman, Creighton Engel proceeded with the recommendations and bids for the completion of the Meeting Room at the Courthouse. Chairwoman, Mrs. Smith clarified that the bids will be for flooring and painting in the room and that Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, is gathering the information. Approval of expenses to not exceed \$10,000.00 for the completion was questioned by Christopher Krupp and Brock Waggoner. Dr. Engel and Mrs. Smith attempted to provide an explanation. However, this subject was tabled.

Continuing, the Marion County Employee Parking Lot resurfacing project was analyzed. Dr. Engel divulged that five potential contractors have been contacted for bids. In advance of considering bids from them, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer highly suggested speaking with Consultant Brent Hunter of Principal of Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. Mr. McCormick addressed the Board and explained that he was able to obtain past and current information from IEPA pertaining to the parking lot and forwarded that data to the consultant. His understanding that since the area is owned by a Government Entity this service may be refundable through IEPA. Once cleared through the IEPA, the County can move forward. Any information obtained by Mr. McCormick will be forwarded to the Building & Historical Committee. He also conveyed that all contractors will be bidding for identical restoration with either asphalt or concrete. Chairwoman Debbie Smith responded to Steven Whritenour with clarification of the ownership of the lot, which is Marion County. Sharon Woodward had concerns with the City of Salem recycling bins and which will be taken into consideration.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

Next, Dr. Engel requested an update on the odor in the Marion County Public Service Building. Christopher Krupp, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman, shared that he had spoken with Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, and it was determined that the attempt to resolve the problem with the camera was unsuccessful. After another consultation with Tate's Plumbing and an additional plumber, they feel that the issue may be caused by the air intake pulling the vent air back inside the building. It was suggested that the vent pipe be extended ten foot to avoid the air from being recycled. Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, explained that there are two issues with the odor, although the upstairs' issue has been resolved. The smell in the Mechanical Room and the first floor Employees Woman's Restroom remains. In effort to find a solution in the restroom, a seal and caulking was placed around the toilet. This has improved the aroma in this area. This will be further analyzed.

A follow up report in regards to the restrooms in the Marion County Courthouse was presented by Sheriff Kevin Cripps. He stated that the projects are nearing completion. In addition, he has not signed off, because there are a few things of concern that are being addressed. He reiterated that the woodworking for the first floor restrooms at the Courthouse is very attractive. Sheriff Cripps is still attempting to reach out to Gene from Ameresco in reference to the flooring in the third floor restrooms.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps continued with reference to the bids for the Safety Entrance renovation. His intention is to flip flop the area to aid in eliminating blockage to the Marion County Supervisor of Assessment's side office doors. The design will also prevent his officers' backs from being exposed to the staircases and Mark Miller's main office door. He is requesting a substantial amount less than the Ameresco bid to complete this project. Motion for the renovation costs of the Safety Entrance to not exceed \$7,000.00 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Adam Smith. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner again had concerns with not obtaining bids prior to approval. Sheriff Cripps gave an explanation of his intentions for the area. He plans to move the metal detector over slightly, purchase an adjustable desk, and mounting a security television on the wall. Therefore, bids are not required. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Sheriff Cripps concluded by stating that the glass for the Handicap Entrances is still on backorder.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Prior to approving the bills, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman, Steven Whritenour addressed the past due amounts previously questioned by Brock Waggoner.

Approval of Bills: \$99,702.55 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, acknowledged that some of her bills do not arrive in her office until after the date that they need to be turned in. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith stated that this will be discussed with Steve Fox at the next Full Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour asked Sheriff Kevin Cripps to discuss the Cushing Systems, Inc. Invoice. Sheriff Cripps explained that the request to pay half of the bill was approved due to the Sheriff's Department hiring a new record management system before the end of the year. Motion to pay the half year payment of \$4,429.69 (\$2,214.85) was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In reference to the School Resource Officer, Sheriff Cripps relayed that there is nothing new to discuss, and he anticipates hearing from the Union.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented the report on the jail: 85 Traffic Stops, 34 Citations – 72 Inmates of which are 16 Federal and 1 Juveniles. The Sheriff's Department served 7,174 meals with a cost of \$1.81 each.

Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth had questions for Sheriff Cripps in regards to Juvenile Detention. A decision was made to have a meeting with Judge Stedelin and themselves.

In conclusion, Sheriff Cripps addressed the repaving and restriping of the Sheriff Department's front parking lot. It is scheduled to be done on Friday, August 11, 2023. The Sally Port project is nearing completion and is scheduled to reopen Thursday, August 10, 2023 afternoon.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$4,140.36 (amount corrected from \$3,302.50 typed on the Agenda) County & Community Chairman, Bill Henson made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Chairman Bill Henson clarified that a portion of the total amount was elevated due to the City of Centralia Housing bill and for veterinary care of a stray dog that was hit by an automobile. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner brought the attention to an error typed on the Agenda. The total amount of the bills should have been \$4,140.36 instead of \$3,302.50. Correction was made. Amended motion was made by Brock Waggoner to approve the corrected amount (\$4,140.36) of the bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Administrator, reported that eleven dogs were picked up during the month. The Animal Shelter remains full. Mr. Ferguson announced that more veterinary care bills will be coming in the future. He continued with an explanation of the bills accrued from the dog that was hit by a car on Bell Club Road.

Mr. Henson and Chairwoman Debbie Smith are still attempting to arrange a meeting with the City of Centralia to discuss the Animal Shelter.

Chairman Bill Henson continued with the next topic of discussion, which was the flagpole area at the Marion County Courthouse. He stated that Wilson & Wilson Monuments will offer a bid when a decision is made in reference to the bricks and pavers. An option to sell Commemorative Bricks to the public was considered. The installation would be the only cost for the County. Mr. Henson, Christopher Krupp, and Creighton Engel gave recommendations of how to pave the area. Chairwoman Debbie Smith advocated to have this matter tabled until the first of the year. With agreement, this subject is tabled until January, 2024.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner had nothing new to report. He stated that American Legal Publishing is in agreement of split (40%-40%-20%) payments.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$914,676.90 Road & Bridge Chairman, Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee - Continued

Resolution 2023-39: Approval to sell 2012 Kubota M1085 Tractor (VIN 73669) and 20XX Bush Hog 2615 Legend 15ft Rotary Mower. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-39 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. McCormick continued with project updates. Hienzmann Road is nearing completion and should be opened up by the start of school. He did receive a denial letter for a grant for the Route 161 Extension/Skilletfork Bridge project. He stated that he did receive one grant last year and that it is very difficult to be approved two years in a row. He is attempting to find another grant option at this time. The Green Street/Odin Road Safety Project will be put out for bids in November, 2023.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Bicentennial Committee Chairman, Adam Smith relayed that the Marion County Fair Exhibit had a very good turnout. Congressman, Mike Bost presented the Bicentennial Proclamation to Committee Chairman Adam Smith and Marion County Board Chairwoman.

David Iossi inquired the status of the Bicentennial coin proposal. Committee Chairman, Adam Smith replied that the Marion County Farm Bureau is interested in funding this project and selling them throughout the County. Mr. Smith will inform the Board of any additional information.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour acknowledged Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator. She continued with a report from the Marion County Fair. She stated that there were approximately 65,000 people in attendance this year throughout the week.

Mr. Whritenour provided an update on Nixle which was bought out by Everbridge. The process of the individual Community portal set ups is continuing. He commended Andrew Strong, Marion County Emergency Management Agency Director, for his aid and support for this project.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour shared information in regards to the ATI presentation on the Tornado Sirens for Marion County that was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. He expressed that this system is the "Cadillac" of the systems, and that it is being utilized in St. Clair County, Illinois. The final presentation from a Tornado Siren agency is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The determination of a company will be presented to the Full Board in September, 2023.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith announced that a Closed Committee Meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. The subject of discussion is the Marion County Board Secretary.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith disclosed that she had received a Union Proposal from the Marion County Highway Department. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss this topic.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Brad Hester, Marion County Farm Bureau Vice President, Steve Brummel, Marion County Farm Bureau President, Brad Conant, Marion and Clinton County Farm Bureau Certified Manager, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA, Stacey Arenas Marion County 911, Claude Howell, and Bruce Kropp.

Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman, welcomed the Marion County Farm Bureau Board Members. They presented a plaque to the Marion County Board Members to show their gratitude for Board's support of agriculture within the County.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that the First Distribution of Property taxes had taken place today, Tuesday, August 22, 2023. He stated that the amount of a little more than \$24 million was distributed to 105 taxing districts. The next installment payment is due September 27, 2023.

Next, Chairwoman Debbie Smith reviewed Resolution 2020-32: Marion County Board to Include Procedures for Public Speaking at Regular County Board Meetings which was distributed prior to the start of the meeting. She reiterated that Marion County Board Members have access to any information regarding the County from the Elected Officials at any time and do not have to FOIA. They may contact the Officials and work together to gather the data.

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1%	\$40,043.59	\$35,824.40

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Debbie Smith gave an explanation of the omission of page two of the Meeting Minutes that were distributed in the packet Friday, August 18, 2023. This page was reissued on August 20, 2023 with a complete copy of the minutes. Prior to the reissuance, Brock Waggoner forwarded information which he felt that needed to be included. A copy was given to each Board Member to review. These details were addressed on page two of the entire minutes.

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes held on August 8, 2023 and to include Brock Waggoner's correspondence was made by Jack Riley and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCIAL & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with making a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-40: Permanent Parcel 10-36-104-006 – Acceptance of full payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate. The County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued by relaying that the Budget process began Thursday, August 17, 2023, and a Draft Proposal was received that same day. He scheduled a Finance and Insurance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Lastly, an Audit Conference Call with WIPFLI is scheduled Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began with making a Motion to approve Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees' Meeting Minutes dated August 3, 2023 and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel stated that he had met with Sheriff Kevin Cripps to inspect the work being completed by Ameresco. They began at the Marion County Public Service Building. A few outlets were discovered to not have power to them and the downstairs restroom floors are not done satisfactory. These issues were addressed with Ameresco today.

Dr. Engel also had a conversation with Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, in regards to the woman's downstairs restroom in the Courthouse. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, shared concerns from female employees with the entrance doorway to this room. Dr. Engel responded that he will confront Ameresco to determine a solution with resolving this issue.

The ongoing matters with the Employee Parking Lot were addressed by Mr. Miller. He announced that the area was never signed over to Marion County. Chairwoman Debbie Smith signed the paperwork and it was returned to Mike McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer, and forwarded to the EPA. Following completion of task any expenses incurred with this engineering firm will be 100% reimbursed to the County. This includes the boring, any engineering fees, and studies.

Building & Historical Committee Continued

In addition, he communicated that a contract with Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. was discussed with Mrs. Smith. She desired Board approval even though it is 100% reimbursable because monies are being spent. Consultant, Brent Hunter, is very knowledgeable and familiar with the area of discussion. Mr. Miller comprehends from conversations with Mr. McCormick that remediation has previously been done. After the final studies are sent to EPA, there should not be any concerns with breaking up concrete or anything on the lot. Resurfacing with either concrete or asphalt can be completed. Mr. Miller proposed to approve the hiring of Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. as soon as possible. After receiving their clearance reports, he recommended to start obtaining bids.

Motion to approve the contract with Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. contingent of the States Attorney's approval was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps continued with his updates and reports. In reference to the Courthouse Handicap Entrance Doors, the glass has arrived, and Shores Builders are planning to start on this project next week. Next, the Sally Port remodel has had a few issues. There is a window in that area that has been installed upside down and is being addressed. While correcting this issue the brick laying company will put the entrance door in place also. Lastly, the locks for the new doors in this area are in process. He expressed that after addressing these matters in the Sally Port, the remodel should be completed and will be very beneficial for himself and his officers.

Sheriff Cripps communicated that the third floor restrooms' floors are in the process of being re-installed. They are to be a lot smoother and easier to clean.

In addition, the parking lots at the Marion County Sheriff's Department have been resurfaced and restriped. He also stated that he has relocated the Deputy's parking spaces to the lot across from the front parking lot. This will open up six parking spots in front of the building.

There was no new information in regards to the security cameras at the Marion County Public Service Building. Sheriff Cripps continued by stating that the old water leak/sump pump issue in the building has been resolved. Lastly, the matters with the odor are being addressed and the stench has nearly been eliminated. Placing an extension pipe to the ventilation will be done in the near future.

Furthermore, Sheriff Cripps conveyed that the Security Desk at the entrance to the Courthouse has been moved to the other side. He will be obtaining estimates for a desk that will match the woodwork of the Courthouse.

Committee Chairman Dr. Engel addressed Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) which was tabled from the Full Board Meeting on August 8, 2023. This again was tabled until the next Full Board Meeting on September 12, 2023.

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, proceeded with information on the renovation of the Meeting Room in the Courthouse. He distributed details and quotes on finalizing the project. After his discussion, Steven Whritenour made a motion to accept the quote of under \$7,000.00 for the completion and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that the new Boardroom tables came in. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour gave the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Sheriff Cripps began with the Marion County Jail report: 74 inmates of which 16 Federal and 1 Juvenile. He proceeded with stating that he had signed a contract with Eastern Missouri this morning. The prisoner transports will remain at the same location, the Mid-American Airport, and will be transporting the Federal prisoners to the city of St. Louis. Two Federal prisoners are scheduled for tomorrow. This will help maintain the \$600,000.00 income for the Marion County Sheriff Department by housing the minimum of twenty-five prisoners. Marion County is paid \$65.00 a day for every Federal Inmate in custody and \$25.00 per hour for the officers doing the transport. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith commended Sheriff Cripps for his research and positive results with revenue for the County.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Due to Committee Chairman Bill Henson's absence, there was not a report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Due to Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner's absence, there was not a report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was no new business to bring before the Board.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour began by making a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 8, 2023 and seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to continuing to the next Committee's report, Adam Smith stated that he had been approached and questioned why Salem ESDA was not at the Centralia Balloon fest. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator responded by stating she had left a few messages, and unfortunately, she did not have people available.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith began by disclosing that a closed Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting had taken place on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The topic of discussion was to bring the Marion County Board Secretary's position from part time to full time contingent to the 2024 Budget. Christopher Krupp relayed that it was discussed at the Budget Meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023 also and placed in the budget. Mr. Smith relayed that the reasoning behind having a full time secretary is that there is a large amount of work to be done. The website, meeting minutes including the Committee Meeting minutes, and especially the codification project does and will take a lot of time. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith expressed that moving to full time will not be much of a burden on the budget.

In conclusion, Mr. Smith added that another Closed Committee Meeting occurred on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 in reference to the Marion County Highway Department's Laborer's Contract, which is still ongoing.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that the Committee is continuing to reach out to the Marion County Townships and Communities for their support for Broadband. Mr. Krupp has been in contact Marshall Brown, who works in US Congressman Mike Bost's office, in regards to grant information. Additional updates will be forwarded to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary, for distribution to the Committee Members.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began by stating that the banner may be displayed in the Little Egypt Parade in Salem. In addition, a presentation at the Daffy-Dill Garden Club meeting in September will be taking place. Mark Decker will be the speaker and the topic of discussion will be William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Smith will provide further details of this appearance in the near future.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that a meeting took place last Wednesday, August 16, 2023. He conveyed that 911 received the \$250,000.00 grant monies approximately three days after the last Full Board Meeting.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson was absent, therefore no report.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that the next meeting will be in September, 2023.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023. She and Gary Purcell will be in attendance at that evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that a meeting occurred this morning. He and Judith Meeks-Hakim (via telephone) were in attendance. He conveyed that the Audit was completed for 2022.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed relayed that the next meeting is scheduled in September, 2023.

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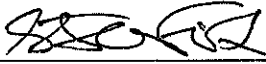
Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith relayed that the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled in November, 2023.

Nothing else to come before the Board, Steven Bradley made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

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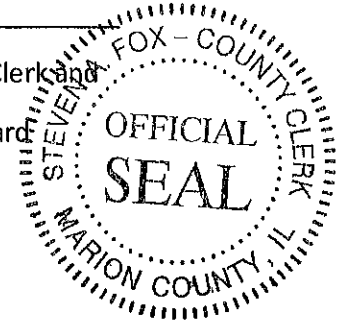
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Date: 9/12/23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

7:01 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:01 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne Walker, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, and Bruce Kropp.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, stated that the Meeting Room (Room 103) in the Courthouse is nearing completion. The flooring, painting, plumbing, and countertops have been finished. The top cabinets and trim need installed, and mounting the television is all that needs to be done.

Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that the next installment of Property Taxes is due on September 27, 2023.

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, stated that a few of the issues in the Public Service Building have been rectified within the last couple of weeks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on August 22, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$90,304.39	\$83,499.07
1%	\$37,862.27	\$35,995.80

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp was absent. Committee Member Deborah Reed conducted the Committee's report.

Motion to approve Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 30 2023 was made by Deborah Reed and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$120,669.67 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned the written figures on the Open Invoice Report for the Finance bills. He would like to see a resolution to the Audit dilemmas and prevent any future concerns. He asked if these amounts being omitted on the computer generated report could be an issue, and if there is a better software program or record keeping process available for Marion County. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk responded that there are different Batch processes. He explained that Batch AP is currently being used with a bill due date on the first Tuesday of the month. His office has three days to enter the bills into a Batch. This has previously been approved. He continued to clarify that any bills that come in after this date will be paid by a manual check and those entries are written in by the County Secretary to be presented to the Board Members. Further explanation was conveyed that the amounts are visible in the accounting system, but they are not included in the Batch report. Mr. Waggoner queried if two Batches could be processed in the same month. Mr. Fox further explained that it is not an accounting problem, but that it has to do with how the Board wants to view the amounts of the manual checks. Mr. Waggoner inquired if there was any discussion from other Board Members. Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that the additional invoices that come in after the due date for the Batch have to be paid appropriately for the month, therefore, the manual checks are distributed and recorded. Steve Fox relayed that an example is the County Health Insurance check. The invoice does not arrive prior to the accounts receivable Batch due date, and is a monthly obligation that has to be paid. It will always be paid by manual check. Mr. Fox will explore if a report can be run with manual checks included, and then present to the Board. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$41,157.91 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner had the same questions and concerns previously mentioned. Chairwoman Debbie Smith made note of them. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$642,953.87 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned the variance in the total generated on the Open Invoice Report and the handwritten figure. Steve Fox explained that the Batch Report includes other departments' payroll that are not paid out of the Judicial fund that are the County's responsibility. Mr. Waggoner requested a computer generated report in the future with this information. Mr. Fox will research this possibility. Mr. Waggoner repeated his concerns that were previously noted. He voiced his opinion in regards to the Audit and how the County Board is failing in their responsibilities. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that the Board is not failing, and they have hired WIPFLI, who is diligently working to resolve the issues with the Audit. Mr. Waggoner continued to be outspoken, and Mrs. Smith called "Out of Order" several times. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued

Deborah Reed and Mrs. Smith reiterated that the Budget process is continuing and is expected to be completed in the near future.

Deborah Reed made a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement Bellwether Budget Services (Annual costs \$13,000.00) and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned how Bellwether can be used to resolve the Budgetary issues. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Bellwether was so noted with the discrepancies, and this topic will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes (Creighton Engel arrived prior to the Motion being made) – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$33,279.04 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel continued with the Building & Historical Committee's report. To begin, he again tabled Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76). A checklist of the final issues being resolved has not been completed and not signed off. He questioned Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, if the matters in the basement in her building have been addressed. She stated that the area was to be steam cleaned, but that has not happened. He continued with discussion of the Woman's Restroom Door on the first floor of the Courthouse. He explained that a door will be installed inside the entrance area, and that it will be done free of charge. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that the glass in the Men's and Women's restrooms on the third floor of the Courthouse will be replaced to match each other. In addition, the floors in these rooms have also been resurfaced and look very nice and it has been reported that they are easier to clean. He continued by saying that Mark Miller and Gary Purcell have been working in the Meeting Room of the Courthouse. He commended them for their assistance. Next, he will be having a conversation with Security Alarm Systems in regards to the Security Cameras in the Public Service Building tomorrow and is expecting bids in the near future. The Handicap Doors at the entrance of the Courthouse will be installed tomorrow also. He has forwarded information via email to County Offices and Office Holders that the West Entrance doors will be open for public entry with the East doors being closed. He has also contacted the Public by Social Media and with a news release. The Sally Port Project is closer to being completed. The upside down window issue has been corrected and the installation of the entry door will soon follow. In conclusion, he is still waiting on bids for the Security Entrance Desk area.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, proceeded with an update on the Marion County Parking Lot repairs. He commenced by announcing that the paperwork to show the ownership of the lot by Marion County has been completed. This information was forwarded to the IEPA. He is awaiting a response of how to proceed.

In addition, Sheriff Cripps shared that all of the outside lighting at the Courthouse is now identical. The installation of the matching lightbulbs in the Courthouse is in the process of being accomplished.

Committee Chairman, Creighton Engel also conveyed that the repainting and repairs to the Rotunda in the Courthouse will begin after Christmas. He is hopeful that professionally the cleaning the floors will also be a project for next year.

Building & Historical Committee - Continued

Tracy Murray communicated that he has been questioned as to why the estimated costs of the Parking Lot repairs and resurfacing is \$500,000.00. To put in perspective, Dr. Engel gave an example of the Hawthorn School's parking lot project was a costs of between \$1.2 and \$1.3 million and Franklin Park School's was \$1.5 million. Mark Miller reiterated that the three contractors that submitted bids were all in approximate agreement of the \$500,000.00 estimate. Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Mr. Miller explained that the area does include the front and back portions of the lot.

Prior to the next Committee's report, Dr. Engel explained the reason that he is tabling Ordinance 2023-04. He stated that he is waiting for the completion of the Elected Officials' priority lists. He added that one of the items, the Men's Restroom sink issue, has been rectified. Brock Waggoner inquired if there was a list of all the remaining matters to be done. Dr. Engel affirmed that he has been in contact with each of the Elected Officials and their projects. He expressed if completion or if any of the items still need to be done they relay that information to him. Chairwoman Debbie Smith specified that a check list will be provided to the Board Members prior to the approval of the Ordinance.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$149,981.12 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour began by allowing Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, to address the County Board. She stated that she had attended a GATA meeting in Springfield, Illinois and was approved for a waiver for grant money. Ms. Barter distributed a copy of the correspondence from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity that she received via an email today. It included information of going back on the No Pay List due to the FY2021 Audit not being completed. She will be appealing this decision. She has been in contact with them and they verified that it will affect the waiver. She also sent a copy to the Auditor to address the matter. Marion County Board Chairwoman Mrs. Smith relayed that a conference call with the Auditor is scheduled for the morning of September 13, 2023 and this issue will be discussed. Brock Waggoner again brought the attention to the Audit issues. Mrs. Smith reiterated that the County Board is managing rectification of the concerns with Auditors. Mr. Waggoner continued with his arguments. Mrs. Smith called for Out of Order several times. Eventually she requested instruction of how to remove a person if they are not adhering to her. Mr. Waggoner responded that the entire Board will have to vote after a Motion has been made. Mrs. Smith stated that she did not want to go to that extreme with the Board Members. She repeatedly stated that the meeting needed to proceed. Bill Henson affirmed that the issues have been addressed and questions have answered.

Motion to moving forward with the Full Board Meeting was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour continued with the Law Enforcement Committee's New Business. Sheriff Kevin Cripps communicated that he and Marion County States Attorney Tim Hudspeth had recently spoken in regards to additional Detention housing for Juveniles. Shortly thereafter, Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director confronted Sheriff Cripps with the suggestion of working with Madison County Detention Center, Edwardsville, Illinois. She provided an example of an Agreement, and it was reviewed by States Attorney Tim Hudspeth and Sheriff Cripps. Sheriff Cripps explained that

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued

this facility would be used as a backup to the Franklin County Detention Center in Benton, Illinois. He did convey that it will be \$30.00 more per Juvenile. Renee Pride expressed that Juvenile Detention availability for Marion County and the entire state of Illinois is an issue. Therefore, she spoke to Madison County Detention Center and proposed an agreement between them and Marion County. It was now brought to the Full Board for approval. Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour described that there are strict Juvenile detaining rules and time to find a facility is an issue. The sheriff will be required to do the transports.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-44: Intergovernmental Agreement between Madison County and Marion County re: Juvenile Detention was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented the report on the jail: 75 Traffic Stops, 27 Citations – 74 Inmates of which are 19 Federal and 1 Juveniles.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman, Steven Whritenour announced that a discussion in regards to the Safety Act which goes into effect Monday, September 18, 2023 will take place at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$48,269.92 Bill Henson conveyed that a little less than \$45,000.00 is to be paid for updated software from Platinum Technology Resource, Inc. and Election Systems & Software for the Marion County Clerk. Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner asked Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Officer, the amount of dogs taken to the facility in Centralia during the past month. Mr. Ferguson's response was fourteen dogs. Mr. Waggoner had concerns of paying \$3,000.00 per month to the shelter if there are constant issues with overpopulation. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith reiterated that the County has had a contract with the City of Centralia for upwards of ten years to house their animals. Bill Henson and herself have attempted to meet with the City of Centralia Officials to discuss the overcrowding issues with no success. Mr. Ferguson explained his situation with housing a dog that has been turned away from the shelter. The dog will actually stay in the Dog box in his truck overnight and then he continues to find its home or a place to stay the following day. Mr. Waggoner stated that he has reviewed the Animal Control Act and requested a copy of the Contract with the City of Centralia. He suggested penalizing them if they are not taking in dogs from Marion County. Mr. Ferguson and Chairwoman Mrs. Smith were opposed to this idea due to the fact that the City of Centralia could increase their fee or opt out of the contract. Consequently, Marion County would be required to build their own facility and provide staff. Steven Whritenour, Bill Henson, Debbie Smith, and Ken Ferguson commended Kim Abbott and her staff for all of their diligent work at the shelter. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, had nothing additional to report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner reported there was nothing new to report until after the Budget is finalized.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$657,215.24 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, requested approval of two Resolutions.

Resolution 2023-41: Raccoon Water Company – At intersection of 8004 Exchange Road. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-41 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned the initials on the copy of the Resolution. Mr. McCormick acknowledged that they were his. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-42: Purchase of a Used John Deere HX15 Rotary Mower from Riechmann Bros, Inc. (\$16,500.00). Motion to approve Resolution 2023-42 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. McCormick continued by conveying that the equipment that was approved to sell at the auction house was sold for approximately \$22,000.00. He stated that Heinzmann Road project is nearing completion, Cline Road is ready to purchase right away for that bridge, and Range Road is still being implemented for mid spring or early summer of next year. He continued by relaying that the Green Street and Odin Road Safety projects remain. In conclusion, the progress for the new facility remains to be years out.

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick brought the attention to the term of the current Marion County Engineer will expire December 31, 2023. Chairwoman Debbie Smith expressed that a Road & Bridge Committee Meeting is scheduled Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to address this matter, and then it will be brought to the Full Board that evening. He will be given the information by the end of the month.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith was absent, therefore nothing to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour communicated that a presentation by Chris (“Chopper”) Overbeck, Account Executive from Global Technical Systems which took place on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 without a Quorum. In addition, a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this Full Board Meeting to continue the discussion of the Tornado Sirens for Marion County. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent. Committee Member Bill Henson continued with the report. Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that Mr. Smith had reviewed the Committee Meeting Minutes and that he felt that they were ready to approve. Motion to approve Closed Personnel/Labor Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 9, 2023 made by David Iossi and seconded by Deborah Reed. Brock Waggoner questioned why the Board is not seeing the Closed Meeting Minutes. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there are strict rules in regards to this type of meeting minutes. Brock Waggoner requested that they be provided. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee – Continued

Motion to approve Closed Personnel/Labor Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 16, 2023 made by David Iossi and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Meeting Member Bill Henson carried on with the Committee's report. He stated that a closed meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Broadband Chairman Christopher Krupp was absent, therefore, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that there were Committee Meeting Minutes to be approved.

Motion to approve the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 14, 2023 was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

No report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

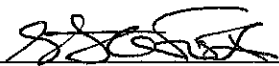
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Nothing further to come before the Board, Tyson McHenry made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

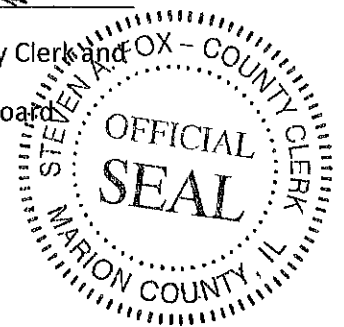
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Approved: yes

Date: 9/26/23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, Bruce Kropp, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk, and Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated September 12, 2023 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion for reappointment of the following to the Marion County Board of Health for the terms listed was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim.

Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk	11/30/2023 - 11/30/2026
Kendra Taylor	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026
Kyle Clark	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026
Michael Morton	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026
Dr. Seth Hahs	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026

Prior to Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner requested additional discussion regarding these members and their involvement during the Covid. Furthermore, Bill Henson requested for an individual vote on each person. Motion to Amend to Table was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Jack Riley. Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith clarified that there has been a request for each member to address the Board prior to making the decision to reappoint the individual. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. All members will be contacted to arrange for them to attend a Full Board Meeting in late October or early November.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCIAL & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with making a Motion to approve Finance & Insurance minutes dated September 6, 2023 and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued by relaying that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The topic of discussion will be the Budget FY2024 and he is hopeful that it may be finalized at that time.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman, Creighton Engel directed Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps began by relaying that he had spoken with Security Alarm Systems in regards to the security cameras in the Public Service Building. A main concern is the storage to retain approximately 130 days of footage. He is currently waiting for a quote from the company. Brock Waggoner questioned the current system's capacity and storage and if more than 130 days is necessary. Bill Henson inquired if the system would be monitored in dispatch. Sheriff Cripps responded by stating that monitoring will be available in several locations throughout his department. David Iossi had questions with reference to the backup system. Sheriff Cripps will follow through with obtaining this information from XT Solutions. Jack Riley proposed that a camera be placed outside of the Moose Building and will be taken into consideration in the future.

Next, Sheriff Cripps announced that the odor in the Public Service Building appeared to be resolved; however, the last couple of days the stench resulted in the doors and windows being opened. Tate's Plumbing and an additional consultant have been notified. Committee Chairman, Creighton Engel stated that he had spoken with a plumber, and the circumstances causing the issue can be very difficult to locate. Committee Member Christopher Krupp conversed with Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, questioning if the Tate's Plumbing proposal would be approved. Dr. Engel verified that it is listed on the Agenda for this evening. Brock Waggoner spoke with reference to Gas Sniffers and possibly hiring them to detect the source of the problem. Dr. Engel will follow through with this suggestion. The subject of the vents and the grinder pit were discussed.

Sheriff Cripps continued with discussion of the installation of an entrance door into the Courthouse first floor woman's restroom. Ameresco is following through with this matter. The Handicap entrance into the Courthouse has been completed. Replacement of the outside door will occur due to an error with drilling holes. The Sally Port Remodel is anticipated to be completed very soon. Sheriff Cripps will continue to update the subject matter of the Security Entrance to the Courthouse.

Lastly, Sheriff Cripps commended Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, on his achievement of completing the remodel of the Meeting Room in the Courthouse. Mr. Miller distributed pictures of the room, which the Board agrees is very impressive.

Motion to approve Tate's Plumbing, LLC invoice #25199 (\$1,000.00) for Marion County Service Building's Sewer Odor in Upstairs Employee Restroom, Smoke Sewage Vent System, and Reseal of toilet and hole in wall where urinal used to be was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

Christopher Krupp. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Tracy Murray requested clarification of the details of the services that were done. Christopher Krupp explained that it was for the inspection work with the camera and repairing the area in the first floor men's restroom. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In addition, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel addressed the Tate's Plumbing's Proposal (\$3,100.00) for Remove, Inspect, and Reseal Ejector Pit Lid in the Mechanical Room in the Marion County Public Service Building. Motion to approve the Tate Plumbing's Proposal was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Tracy Murray. Prior to Roll Call Vote, an in depth discussion regarding this matter occurred amongst the Full Board Members. Rescission of the Motion was made, and the Board continued with the conversation of how to proceed with resolving the issue. Motion to approve Tate's service call and pay invoice for repairs to resolve the matter in question was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. No vote was made. Dr. Engel will follow through with this situation.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel suggested that Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) remain tabled. Brock Waggoner again inquired if a list of the problems remaining had been created. Dr. Engel gave an oral response. Mr. Waggoner relayed that for Audit purposes he would like to see a complete list of projects from Ameresco. Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith reiterated that this information is included in the Capital Expenditure Ordinances presented and passed by the Full Board. Exceeding the ARPA Funds was questioned and discussed. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, conveyed that the remodel of the Meeting Room in the Courthouse was quoted at \$100,000.00 by Ameresco, and that it was completed without them. The final expense was \$7,207.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour gave the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Sheriff Cripps began with a discussion of the Safety Act which went into effect on Monday, September 18, 2023. He explained that the jail population has decreased as expected, but that within the next couple of months he anticipates that it will come back up. He is offsetting this with receiving Federal Inmates from Eastern Missouri. The operations of his Department has not been directly affected, with the exception of not detaining some of the people. Bill Henson had questions in regards to the Judge's discretion with releasing a person or keeping them in custody. State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth conveyed a detailed explanation of the factors that are considered for this decision. Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour and Sheriff Cripps commended State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth for his commitment to his duties of his position.

Sheriff Cripps began with the Marion County Jail report: 64 inmates of which 21 Federal and 1 Juvenile. He relayed that the training on the Body Cameras will begin next Tuesday morning. He is hopeful that by the end of next week that the Marion County Sheriff Department's cameras will be operational. Brock Waggoner questioned if any equipment or data needs to be upgraded while the cameras go into effect. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that a package was purchased and will be evaluated over the next several months by Axon to determine if anything additional is required.

Law Enforcement Committee - Continued

In conclusion, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, reported that the ESDA Department assisted with parking at the Apple Fest at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The number of cars was estimated to be 4,500 for the one-day event. The same day, the Department split up and went to help with the Iuka Demolition Derby and the Salem Car Cruise. During the past week, they also helped with the PKC Dog Coon Hunter's Youth Competition and the Jackson Heights Gospel Concert. Unfortunately, a Sheriff's report has taken place in regards to the Annex Building at the Fairgrounds being broken into. A large pallet containing 30 pound bags of dog food was taken. The approximate value of the loss was \$15,000.00. ESDA monitors this area during an event, but this occurred after everyone had vacated the premises.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson began with the review of the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County Illinois. He stated that there are 15 holidays (including Election Day) in 2024. Motion to approve the Holidays was made by Deborah Reed and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Voice Vote, Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk reviewed the list. Voice Vote: All aye – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Henson acknowledged that the Animal Shelter Agreement with the City of Centralia was included in the Full Board Meeting packet for review. It was signed on May 14, 2013 by the County Board Chairman, Erwin Hahn with an open end date.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed no report until after the contract is signed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted this evening prior to the Full Board Meeting. He relayed that the topic of discussion was the Expiration of the 6-year term for Marion County Highway Department Engineer (Expires 12/31/23). The Committee made the decision to recommend that the Board offer this position to the current Engineer, Michael McCormick. Motion to approve Michael McCormick for this position was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All aye – No nays. Motion passed. Mr. McCormick will provide the Board with the appropriate Resolution information from IDOT. Brock Waggoner complimented Mr. McCormick and his openness for public comment.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour began by making a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 12, 2023 and seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour requested that Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County be tabled until the next Committee Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that this item was previously approved, but now is put into Resolution form.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith entertained for a motion for the Committee Meeting Minutes which was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. David Iossi made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 6, 2023 and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Smith added that a Closed Committee Meeting occurred earlier this evening. The topic of discussion was the Union's Counter Proposal of the Marion County Highway Department's Laborer's Contract. The Committee made the decision to reject the Counter Proposal and continue with the Committee's initial proposal.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that there is nothing to report at this time.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began by stating that a presentation at the Daffy-Dill Garden Club meeting was conducted by Mark Decker. The main subject was William Jennings Bryan. Adam Smith and Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested that he be presented with a gift at the end of the year for his participation.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator offered to display the Bicentennial banner on the ESDA Hummer in the Little Egypt Parade in Salem. The Board Members accepted this suggestion.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps is currently a new member of this Committee.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson relayed that the next meeting will be December 7, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. He also stated that there will be 3 Committee vacancies at the end of this year and they are accepting recommendations.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that a meeting is scheduled for this evening and Gary Purcell will be attending.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Steven Whritenour and Judith Meeks-Hakim were not able to attend the recent meeting. Mr. Whritenour relayed that today was the Committee's Annual Meeting with residents. Kelly Tinsley, Executive Director was commended for her work with the Marion County Housing Authority.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representatives Debbie Smith and Deborah Reed did not attend the last meeting due to the Committee having the incorrect email addresses.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Adam Smith and Christopher Krupp relayed that the next meeting is scheduled in November, 2023.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that the next meeting will be in December, 2023. He stated that it is reported that their Budget was passed.

Brock Waggoner distributed information with reference to other counties and their Audits.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Creighton Engel made the motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:15 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 10/10/23

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne Walker, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, Lisa Morris, Marion County Coroner Secretary, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, Gene Markey, Ameresco, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, and Bruce Kropp.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

James Baker addressed the Full Board with his concerns of the Route 161 and Route 37 intersection South of Salem. His main issue is the danger of semi-trucks not obeying the stop signs, especially now with the construction and detour from the interstate. He requested support from the Board to place rumble strips near the intersection to draw attention to the four way stop. Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith relayed that she had spoken with Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, and this matter will be addressed. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman, Steven Bradley and Michael McCormick will work together and assist with getting this information to the State of Illinois.

Next Board Member, Sharon Woodward expressed that she feels that an injustice was done regarding the issue with the reappointment of the Marion County Health Department Board Members. She suggested if a Marion County Board Member has questions of the Health Department, that they should attend their Board Meetings. In addition, Mrs. Woodward conveyed that Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Director, followed the proper protocol to reappointment these individuals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on September 26, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$82,499.62	\$83,478.15
1%	\$44,033.33	\$28,220.14

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that the Finance & Insurance Committee did not have a quorum for the Meeting on August 17 2023. He conveyed that a general discussion of the Bellwether – FY2024 Budget took place with the Office Holders and Elected Officials.

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2023 made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$81,697.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$46,246.03 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$612,097.85 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox clarified the concerns from the last meeting with the Judicial Bills. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Christopher Krupp reiterated that the Budget process is continuing and is expected to be completed in the near future. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Bellwether will be in attendance at this meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp conveyed an update on the Audit. He stated that the numbers from the accounting department were being transferred to the audit department of WIPFLI. Weekly meetings are continuing with updates.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Committee Chairman, Creighton Engel was not in attendance, therefore Christopher Krupp presented the report for the Committee.

Approval of Bills: \$39,328.82 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Gene Mackey, Director of Ameresco, distributed information which included their Project Summary. He then conducted his presentation on the overview of the project development to date. (See Ameresco attachment)

Lastly, Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) tabled from the Full Board Meeting on September 12, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

No further updates on the list of Old Business were presented due to the absence of Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps. This information will be presented at the next Full Board Meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$139,537.88 Committee Chairman, Steven Whritenour relayed that the bills are slightly increased due to the purchase of a new squad car. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour began by allowing Lisa Morris, Marion County Coroner Secretary, to address the County Board. She distributed information with regards to the Marion County Coroner's Report. Ms. Morris proceeded with her presentation of the report from January through September 2023. Chairman Steven Whritenour had questions in reference to the autopsies being conducted in Champaign County and the burden this causes for Marion County Law Enforcement Agencies. He requested that the answers be presented in the near future.

Next, Shari Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, gave an explanation of the amendment to Resolution 2006-79. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-49: ESDA Patrol for Halloween Parade was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$3,626.21 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 9 dogs were picked up during the month of September. There is still an issue with the shelter being over populated.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, no report was given.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$698,629.89 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Motion to approve minutes from the Road & Bridge Committee Meeting held on September 26, 2023 made by Steven Bradley with second by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, requested approval of four Resolutions. An explanation of each was given.

Resolution 2023-43: Joint Bridge Agreement Marion County/Sandoval Village 23-990-17-00-JB. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-43 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-46: IDOT Fund Agreement Green Street/Odin Road 20-00144-00-SP. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-46 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-47: Joint Funding Agreement for Construction Work IDOT Green Street/Odin Road 20-00144-00-SP. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-47 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-48: Reappointment of Incumbent County Engineer. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-48 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick relayed that the fall Maintenance is continuing with his Department.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith was absent, therefore no report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour communicated that the Committee Meeting that was to be conducted prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting had to be postponed. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County. Previously approved, but now put into Resolution form will be addressed at the Full Board Meeting, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent. Therefore, the approval of the minutes will be tabled.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Broadband Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that there were no updates.

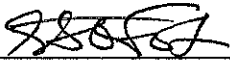
In Conclusion, Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith commended Wayne Walker for his involvement and walking in the Little Egypt Parade. She also included Board Member Sharon Woodward.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Tyson McHenry made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:17 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 11/14/23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:01 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

Roll call taken by Deborah Reed, Marion County Board Member, due to the absence of Lori Linder, County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Brock Waggoner, Creighton Engel (arrived late), Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, and Adam Smith (arrived late).

Marion County Board Chairwoman announced that Board Member Brock Waggoner had asked to join by ZOOM a few days earlier. Mrs. Smith had reached out earlier on this day to confirm that the program was set up and ready for him to appear, but he declined due to the late notice. He was welcomed to appear at any time during the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, distributed information (see Attachment 1) and then addressed the Marion County Full Board Members. She proceeded by reviewing the Illinois County Health Departments Insight handout. During this discussion, the importance of the Marion County Health Department to the Community was expressed.

In addition, the County Board of Health and its impact was also discussed. The guidelines and regulations of this Board were also conveyed. Ms. Mallow relayed that the Board meets quarterly, approves the Health Department's quarterly financials, staff pay raises, and yearly Budgets. The Board of Health Finance Committee approves the monthly accounts payables.

Included in the handouts distributed at the beginning of her presentation was the Bylaws for Boards of Health and a list of the Marion County Health Department's current members as of October 24, 2023 and their credentials. (see Attachment 2) Ms. Mallow reviewed each member's description and his/her duties with the Board of Health.

The floor was then opened for questions or input from the Marion County Board Members by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. Board Member, Sharon Woodward reiterated her feelings of the injustice that was done at the previous Board Meeting regarding the names of the people up for reappointment to the Board of Health. She also suggested for any County Board Member with questions or concerns of the Health Department to attend their quarterly meetings and address them. Board Member, Judith Meeks-Hakim shared that she feels that the Health Department is "Superb." She continued by stating that they are an asset to Salem, Centralia, and the Community.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that there will be people from the list up for reappointment to be voted on at next month's Board Meeting. She again asked if there were any other questions. Board Member, Bill Henson reiterated that his only suggestion was to vote on each individual separately. He also stated that he was in agreement with Sharon Woodward and did not have issues with any of the individuals. Board Member, David Iossi commended Melissa Mallow for the overview of the people. Ms. Mallow stated that she will continue to provide this information when there are reappointments.

Mrs. Smith expressed to the Full Board that the Health Department is receiving under \$200,000.00 from the County and the remaining money that they operate on is through Grants.

Board Member, Adam Smith had questions of nominations. It was then clarified that the list up for reappointments is the only item being voted on, and if the Board disagrees then a Motion for someone else may be made at that time. Mr. Henson and Ms. Mallow explained the process to place individuals on the reappointment list prior to being presented to the Marion County Board.

Board Member, Jack Riley raised questions on the procedures that occurred during the COVID period. He stated that he had people question him in regards to the mask requirements in schools during this time. Bill Henson announced that the Health Department did not have an opinion of the decision with the schools' masks requirements. It was the State Board of Education's requirement. Ms. Mallow stated that it was the Governor's Executive Orders and that the schools and the Department were following these rules. Chairwoman, Mrs. Smith relayed that the County also followed these regulations. Questions of funding for the County and other Departments during this time was a critical concern if the rules were not obeyed. Board Member, Creighton Engel was in agreement that this was a very stressful time for everyone involved with Health issues. He commended the Board of Health of how they handled things during this time period.

Chairwoman, Debbie Smith stated that she would like to see a 120-day notice for reappointments so the County Board Members could start evaluating the person or persons suggested by the Departments prior to their vote approval. A notice will be sent out in the future to notify all Departments that will be submitting reappointment notices.

Many County Board Members expressed their appreciation for Melissa Mallow's presentation and her work for the Community of Marion County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 10, 2023 meeting minutes were not available at this time.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from Mark Miller for reappointment of John Wright to the Board of Review for a 2-year term which will expire in October 2025 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to the Voice Vote. Mr. Miller explained the purpose of the Board of Review. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion request from Mark Miller for reappointment of Patrick Kyker to the Board of Review for a 2-year term which will expire in October 2025 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with a discussion of the FY2024 Budget. The issue with the Probation section of the Budget was conveyed. Mr. Krupp proposed that the monies from Probation be transferred to the Building Maintenance Fund. This will balance the Budget. Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-5: FY2024 Budget with correction from Probation to the Building Maintenance Fund was made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. The FY2024 Budget must lay 15 days after approval with Budget effective December 1, 2023.

Marion County Board and Committee Member Adam Smith commended Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp for his excellent work with the FY2024 Budget.

Next, the FY2024 Levy was discussed. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments presented information to the County Board in regards to this subject. He continued with the explanation of the impact of the Levy increase. Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox reminded the Board to “Levy for the needs.” This amount is already in the Budget. This will be addressed at a future Full Board Meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp relayed that the 2021 Audit should be done by the end of November, 2023, and the 2022 Audit should be completed by the end of the year 2023.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman, Creighton Engel directed Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps discussed the purchase of a new Zero Turn Mower for the Courthouse premises. Three bids were presented and considered. After discussion of the needs of a new mower, this matter was tabled to get revised bids.

Next, Sheriff Cripps announced that he received the bids for the new Security Cameras for the Public Service Building. He is following through with bids in regards to more storage in the cameras, but has not received the updates.

Sheriff Cripps continued by stating that the installation of an entrance door into the Courthouse first floor woman’s restroom is completed.

The Sally Port remodel is nearing completion also. The body scanner was moved into the new remodel and is being used. He stated that the Correctional Officers are very pleased with this area.

A bid for the Security Entrance at the Courthouse was received. Sheriff Cripps is waiting for clarifications and a drawing of the area to get a better picture of what it entails.

The odor in the Public Service Building appears to be resolved. Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, stated that the restroom floors in the Public Service Building are nearing completion.

Lastly, Mark Miller addressed the project of the Marion County Parking Lot. He conveyed that he has received the official letter stating that Marion County Board is the official owners of said property. This release will allow any future projects related to the parking lot to be done at no charge. The progress is moving forward.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, Marion County Board Member Jack Riley gave the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Sheriff Cripps began with the Marion County Jail report: 61 inmates of which 19 are Federal. He relayed that Mr. Whritenour is attending the funeral for the retired Chief.

He continued with a report on the remodel. He conveyed that the remaining projects are all nearing completion and are proceeding well.

In conclusion, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, reported that the ESDA Department assisted with the coon hunting event in Salem. In addition, the Department worked during Homecoming and will be working the Children's Halloween Parade and the evening Parade in Centralia this coming weekend. They will also be assisting with patrol for Marion County Communities' Trick or Treating.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson had nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley was absent.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith relayed that placement of rumble strips would not resolve the problem at the Route 161 and Route 37 intersection. Sheriff Kevin Cripps conveyed that he had met with the Illinois State Police Command and a discussion in regards to more signage and more Illinois State Police patrol for this area will be considered. This topic will be addressed at a Full Board Meeting in the near future.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent.

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report, other than a Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with discussion of the Labors' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO Contract (Highway Department). The contract was previously discussed at a Committee Meeting with the Union's proposal and then a counter proposal was returned for their consideration. In conclusion, the wages were agreed upon to meet with the Department's Budget.

Motion to approve the Highway Department contract proposal that was accepted by the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee and the Union was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. A final copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be signed as soon as it is received from Andy Martone's office.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Nothing new to report.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Nothing new to report.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith asked if any Elected Officials wished to address the Board.

Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker relayed that she is continuing to work with Grants for the County.

Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth stated that it has been a busy month and a half for his office, and that it has been a successful time.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Miller conveyed that his office is nearing completion of the Assessments and will notify the Board if there are issues.

Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox commended Sheriff Kevin Cripps and the Sheriff's Department for their security services during the scanning process that is being done in his office. Mr. Fox will be reimbursing the Sheriff's Department for the overtime pay for his officers.

Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps stated that the employee luncheon was a success. He commended the Elected Officials for hosting the event.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson relayed that the next meeting will be December 7, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. He also stated that there will be a small fellowship meal prior to the meeting, and that all County Board Members are invited to attend.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that there were no additions to the information previously discussed this evening.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that a meeting is scheduled for this evening and Gary Purcell is attending.

10-24-23

Full Board Meeting Guests

Jiffany Ser

Renee Prude - Marion County Probation

Keena Capps - Sheriff

Jan Howell Candidate For Coroner

Ch. Madson - teacher

Sheri Batts - Marion Co. ESA Board

Bill - Guest

Keith Kemler - Guest

Melissa Mallon - MCHD

Jamie Carter Sullivan

Jenna Rose David MCHD

Kathy Haug MCHD

Caitlyn Crain MCHD - Guest

Diane Kuhl MCHD

Sean Lemmon MCHD

Michelle Slater MCHD

Lindsay Green - MCHD

MARK MILLER - SA

Bill Smith

MCHD's current BOH Members (as of 10/24/23):

Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk – An Illinois licensed pediatrician that practices at St. Mary's hospital. She serves as MCHD's Medical Supervisor and has since 1993. Dr. Franczyk signs MCHD's standing orders for Immunizations, Pediatric Lab Procedures and Tests, and STI program. Dr. Franczyk allows MCHD to use her medical license to purchase our vaccines. She was appointed to the Board of Health in 1993. She was reappointed to the BOH in 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, and is due for reappointment in 2023.

Mike Morton – Pharmacist and former owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Salem. Mike was appointed to the BOH in 1993 as the County Board member representative and served that role until 2008. In 2008, Mike was reappointed as a citizen at large member and has been reappointed in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020. He is due for reappointment in 2023.

Dr. Kyle Clark – An Illinois licensed dentist that has his own practice in Salem. Currently, he serves as the BOH's President and is on the BOH's finance committee. Dr. Clark was appointed to the BOH in 2020 and is due for reappointment in 2023.

Kendra Taylor – Registered Nurse that is currently an instructor at McKendree University and was the former Salem Township Hospital President. Kendra was appointed to the BOH in 2020 and is due for reappointment in 2023.

Dr. Seth Hahs – An Illinois licensed internal medicine physician that practices at Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation in Salem. Dr. Hahs signs the standing orders for MCHD's TB program, Communicable Disease program and Low-Cost Lab program. He was appointed in July 2023 to complete Dr. Aziz's term which ends on 11/30/23 which is why he is due for reappointment at this time.

Keith Kessler – Attorney at Law that has his own practice in Salem. Currently, he is on the BOH's finance committee. Keith was appointed to the BOH in 2010. He was reappointed to the BOH in 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022. He will be due for reappointment in 2025.

Paula Strother – Registered Nurse that is a retired school nurse. Currently, she is the BOH's Secretary. Paula was appointed to the BOH in 2010. She was reappointed to the BOH in 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022. She will be due for reappointment in 2025.

Tom Turner – Retired Marion County School Principal. Currently, he is on the BOH's Finance Committee. Tom was appointed to the BOH in 1993. He was reappointed to the BOH in 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022. He will be due for reappointment in 2025.

Dr. Creighton Engel – County Board Representative and Chiropractor that has his own practice in Salem. Dr. Engel was appointed to the BOH in 2012 and has served as the Marion County Board Rep ever since. He will be due for reappointment in 2024.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff’s Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne Walker, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Lucas Crawford, Correctional Officer, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Cheryl Back, Michelle Slater, and Bruce Kropp.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on October 10, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Due to the absence of Steve Fox, State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented the report.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$81,992.47	\$83,137.03
1%	\$37,947.17	\$38,155.02

Motion request from Marion County Housing Authority for reappointment of Board Commissioner Bo Baer for a term through September 23, 2026 was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth announced the requests for reappointments of Kyle Clark and Dr. Seth Hahs.

Motion request from Marion County Health Department to reappoint Kyle Clark and Dr. Seth Hahs to the Marion County Board of Health for a term of November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2026 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Vote, Brock Waggoner reiterated that the Board was previously told that the reappointments of said people were to be voted on individually and he would like to request a Voice Vote.

Motion request from Marion County Health Department to reappoint Kyle Clark to the Marion County Board of Health for a term of November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2026 was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 12 ayes- 2 nays (Tracy Murray and Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Motion request from Marion County Health Department to reappoint Dr. Seth Hahs to the Marion County Board of Health for a term of November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2026 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to proceeding with the remaining appointments, Creighton Engel expressed his concerns. He stated that the Board had previously agreed to address the list of reappointments presented by Melissa Mallow. He asked Ms. Mallow to explain the guidelines for the Board of Health required by State Statute. She relayed that there are to be two physicians and one dentist licensed in the state of Illinois on the Board. One of the physicians is required to be the Medical Supervisor which will allow the Health Department to offer the medical services to the public. Brock Waggoner interrupted with comments with regards to the requirements of the other Board of Health Members. Dr. Engel continued with voicing his concerns of the replacement of Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk, Michael Morton, and Kendra Taylor. Mr. Waggoner continued to interfere with Dr. Engel's conversation to the Board. Dr. Engel voiced that he did not agree with the presentation of the appointments listed on the Agenda.

Brock Waggoner continued to convey his opinion and concerns of how the Marion County Health Department and the Board of Health handled issues in Marion County during the COVID period. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith allowed Mr. Waggoner to respond to Creighton Engel's comments. He disagreed with how the Board of Health allowed the mask requirements in schools to be enforced, the closing of businesses, and the Health Department Director to send Health Inspectors to put up signs at businesses which did not follow the Governor's regulations. He was quoted as saying, "They allowed a Dictator dictate to overrule the Constitution's protections." He continued and by expressed that outside the state of Illinois schools and businesses were open without mandates.

Christopher Krupp questioned where the three new names of the people to appoint on the Agenda came from. Mrs. Smith explained that the names were brought to her by individuals that felt that they would be good replacements for the positions available. She then presented the information to the Full Board for their consideration and approval. Brock Waggoner again cut in on Mrs. Smith's discussion. His comments were noted by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. Creighton Engel voiced his concerns with micromanaging Departments that offer information with regards to reappointments.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

Motion to appoint Dr. Brad Stufflebaum retired Radiologist to replace Michael Morton for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 30, 2026 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: 7 ayes – 7 nays (Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, Tyson McHenry, Christopher Krupp, and Debbie Smith). Tied. No replacement was noted.

Christopher Krupp mentioned that he would like more of an explanation and reasoning of why these people were placed on the appointment list. Mrs. Smith explained that her reason to replace anyone on this particular Board would be the need for a change. Sharon Woodward disagreed with Mrs. Smith and was noted. Chairwoman Debbie Smith took responsibility for Marion County being shut down during the COVID period due to County Board respecting the Governor's actions. Brock Waggoner again voiced his opinion of how things were handled by the Board of Health and Melissa Mallow.

Motion to appoint Dr. Matt Stedelin Pediatrician to replace Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 30, 2026 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 5 nays (Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, Christopher Krupp, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Debbie Jourdon Licensed Massage Therapist to replace Kendra Taylor for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 30, 2026 was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: 6 ayes – 8 nays (Steven Whritenour, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Tyson McHenry, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, and Debbie Smith). Motion not passed.

Brock Waggoner questioned Chairwoman Debbie Smith with regards to her votes.

Marion County Health Department Director, Melissa Mallow stated that by replacing Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk with Dr. Matt Stedelin, there will be issues with the new Medical Supervisor. She relayed that on December 1, 2023, there will have to be a special meeting with the Board of Health for approval of the new Medical Supervisor, over 200 orders will have to be signed, and contracts renewed. Issues may be present at that time that will affect the services for citizens of Marion County.

Board Member, Brock Waggoner and Director Melissa Mallow discussed the handling of the requests for the reappointments to the Board of Health previously submitted. Creighton Engel clarified that Ms. Mallow, along with several Full Board Members, were under the impression that the five individuals that she had requested for reappointment were to be voted on at the meeting this evening. Mr. Waggoner continued to interject with his issues, which included the timing of the reappointment notification and handling of the possibility of a person being replaced. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith explained that a 120-day notice has not been put into effect at this time. Adam Smith suggested that more information is needed with reference to the positions that the people are requested to fill. Brock Waggoner stated that he did not receive the description of the Board of Health Members that was addressed at the previous meeting. Bruce Kropp, WJBD, mentioned his understanding that the previous reappointments were tabled. Bill Henson then verified that at the last meeting that he wanted each candidate to be voted on individually. Creighton Engel expressed the importance of knowing more information with regards to the candidates that are requested to be reappointed prior to voting. Brock Waggoner continued to interject with comments.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

Mrs. Smith addressed the Marion County Health Department Board Meetings that are held quarterly. She relayed that any Marion County Board Member can attend these meetings and familiarize themselves with the Board of Health Members and ask questions. Brock Waggoner stated that Dr. Engel is the Board Representative and should be relaying information back to the Marion County Board. He was then told that he could also attend if he had concerns and questions. Mr. Waggoner stated that he had previously contacted them.

Marion County Board Member, Sharon Woodward requested to hold a Special Board Meeting to address Michael Morton and Kendra Taylor's approval for reappointment. Chairwoman Debbie Smith agreed and scheduled the Special Full Board Meeting for Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Marion County Board Member, Bill Henson requested clarification of what was tabled at the Full Board Meeting previously regarding the reappointments. Brock Waggoner explained that he had made the motion to table the process of reappointments not the individual's reappointments. Mr. Henson reiterated that his request during that time was to address each individual separately for the reappointment approval, and then if rejected, a new name would be submitted.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith requested the advice of State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with regards of handing the current situation of the reappointments. He explained that the item needs to be removed from being tabled and then address the two vacancies with the two remaining names.

During the time that Chairwoman Debbie Smith requested if anyone would like to make a motion to place the reappointments of Kendra Taylor and Michael Morton from October 24, 2023 Full Board Meeting on the Special Full Board Meeting scheduled Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. The Motion was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Board Member, Christopher Krupp had questions with regards to Dr. Matt Stedelin and Dr. Brad Stufflebaum being appointed and their knowledge of being required to use their medical license information for the Health Department. Ms. Mallow relayed that she has not had a conversation with either doctor. She will be in contact with Dr. Hahs first and then Dr. Stedelin to address this matter.

Brock Waggoner directed comments to Ms. Mallow. He stated, "Thank you for putting your two cents into it, we would appreciate you just give the facts." Chairwoman Mrs. Smith admonished that this type of behavior and comments during a meeting will not be tolerated as long as she is Chair.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting held on October 4, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Chairman Christopher Krupp explained that he would address the Committee Meeting which was held prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening later in his presentation.

Approval of Bills

General: \$185,985.70 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$66,044.54 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$712,159.66 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-50: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-020-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$704.47 with remaining monies distributed according to law was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-51: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-070-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$403.37 with remaining monies distributed according to law was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Christopher Krupp relayed that a Committee Meeting was held earlier this evening. One of the topics discussed was the 27th payroll, which occurs every 11 years, and its effect on the FY2024 Budget. He reiterated that the Budget process is continuing and is expected to be completed in the near future. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The 2024 Levy will be addressed at this meeting also.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp conveyed an update on the Audit. He stated that the 2021 Audit should be completed by the end of November, and the 2022 Audit by the end of the year.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$20,766.81 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – No nays. (Jack Riley had stepped out of the room) Motion passed.

Chairman Creighton Engel allowed Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, to explain her request in Honor of the Impaired Driving Prevention Month, permission to place a Christmas wreath and victims list in the Courthouse by the cannon. Motion to display the wreath and victim's list in the Courthouse was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Dr. Engel continued by allowing Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, to address the Full Board with regards to outdoor signs for the Courthouse and the Public Service Building. This project will be funded through Grant monies. If the County is interested, she will need quotes from the County and will follow through with application and reporting process. She will then coordinate with the Full Board for approval. Board Member, Deborah Reed questioned if this was an area to post the Meeting's Agenda. Brock Waggoner stated that his opinion according to State Statue is that it has to be posted at the entrance to the building where the offices are located for said County. Renee Pride expressed the importance of having a sign with directions and information to the offices in the Public Service Building and the Sheriff's Department Building. County Board Member David Iossi will be collecting the information for the signs for the Marion County Board and relaying it to Mrs. Schicker in the near future.

Next, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel addressed the emergency approval to replace the grinder pump which broke down in the Public Service Building. The bid was less than \$10,000.00 and authorized by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that since it has been repaired the odor issue has not been a problem.

Sheriff Cripps continued with a discussion of the purchase of the new mower for the Courthouse premises. Bids were presented to the Full Board Members in their Meeting Packet. The advantage of having a repair shop available with a purchase from Molenhour Power Equipment, Inc. was discussed. Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to the specifics of the mower to be purchased. Sheriff Cripps relayed that it had to have a 48-inch deck and be a commercial grade mower. Motion to approve the Molenhour Power Equipment, Inc. bid for \$5,600.00 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nays (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

In addition, Sheriff Cripps addressed the bid from Eco-Advantage (\$15,700.00) for the restoration of the receiving cells and holding cell in the Sally Port area. He stated that this company is the only one in the region that does this type of work and has done work for Marion County previously. This will be paid in the FY2023 Budget from the Jail Building Repairs Fund. Motion to approve the Eco-Advantage bid of \$15,7000 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned why this was the only bid. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that this was the only company in the area that provides these services. There is not one in the local area. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There was nothing new to report on the Security Cameras at the Public Service Building.

Sheriff Cripps signed off of the Sally Port project. It has been completed. In addition, completion in the State's Attorney's office and Sheriff's office has also been signed off. Amerseco's services are no longer needed for Marion County's remodel and restoration projects.

In conclusion, Michael McCormick relayed that the Consultant was on the property last week, and the testing wells are in place in the Marion County Parking Lot. Marion County is still waiting for correspondence from the IEPA in regards to Marion County having full responsibility of this area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$91,207.26 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour began by allowing Sheriff Kevin Cripps to give the Marion County Sheriff's Department's report. Sheriff Cripps relayed that the average meal cost was \$1.81 for the past month. He introduced Lucas Crawford who was hired as a full time Correctional Officer. He also conveyed that a donation of clothing for individuals in Marion County Jail with jury trials was made from City Hope Church in Centralia. He thanked them publicly. The jail is housing 67 inmates in which 21 are Federal inmates. He stated that the new law with regards to the no bond has not really affected his department numbers. Security was provided for Steve Fox's County Clerk office during their scanning process 24 hours a day. Mr. Fox will be reimbursing the sheriff's department for their time. Lastly, the exterior doors at the Sheriff's Department Building will be painted on Thursday, November 16, 2023, and the lettering on the building was power washed and old lettering removed.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, relayed to the Full Board information regarding her department. She conveyed that two new members were sworn in, Shelly Pond and Shawndra Weemer. A total of 366.5 hours were provided during the Halloween Patrol. That was 78 more hours than last year. She stated that the total for her team is 2,127 hours worked since the first of the year. Her team has made a decision to offer a scholarship in her father's name to a student going into the first responder's field. She will follow through with this project and present it to the Full Board in the future. Lastly, she has received a \$3,000.00 donation from Dakota Pipeline.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$5,522.50 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 15 dogs and 1 horse were picked up during the month of October. He conveyed that there are issues that have developed and is hoping that they can be resolved. Committee Chairman, Bill Henson continued by adding that a meeting with the City of Centralia Attorney and City Administrator convened. Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith attended this meeting also. Mr. Henson distributed a list of Incorporated Municipalities in Marion County (see attachment). According to the Marion County Contract with the City of Centralia the shelter will not accept animals from any of the cities on the list. Mr. Ferguson stated that the only exception is dog bites. Christopher Krupp questioned what other options are available. A letter will be sent to each of the municipalities to make them aware that they have an obligation to handle their own dogs when they need to be taken to the shelter. They will need to have an individual contract with the City of Centralia or another option for handling their dogs. The municipalities have previously been billed for their services, but have not paid them. Therefore, Marion County has been making the payments. The overpopulation in the shelters is an issue for the entire state of Illinois. The Marion County Board will follow through and address the issues with the municipalities. The current contract will be up for renewal in 2025. A meeting with State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth will be conducted prior to the issuance of the letter to the municipalities.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that the contract will be signed as soon as the FY2024 Budget is approved and the project will begin soon thereafter.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$107,144.81 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, requested approval of three Resolutions. An explanation of each was given.

Resolution 2023-53: Joint Funding Appropriation Kline Road 19-00144-00-BR. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-53 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-52: IDOT Joint Funding Agreement Kline Road 19-11004-00-BR. Prior to the Motion being made, the issue of the cost being over \$600,00.00 without a capped amount was questioned and discussed. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-52 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-54: Approval of Amending County Highway Budget. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-54 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick relayed that the mowing in the County has been completed. The Green Street Road and the Kline Road projects are to begin in January 2024. Board Member Tracy Murray had questions with regards to Meridan Road. Mr. McCormick explained the process of that project. Lastly, the Range Road project is anticipated to begin next fall.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Nothing new to report. Chairman Adam Smith suggested dissolving the Committee at the end of the year.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour communicated that the Committee Meeting that was conducted prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting. He relayed that a discussion with regards to the purchase of Outdoor Emergency Sirens and applying for Grants took place. This topic will continue to be discussed in the future. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County. Previously approved, but now put into Resolution form will be addressed at the Full Board Meeting, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the Union Contract for the Marion County Highway Department has been approved, and will be finalized after State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth reviews the copy received from Andy Martone.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that there were no updates.

Board Member Adam Smith conveyed that a website, CitizenPortal.ai, is now available for viewing of all open recorded Board Meetings. He also relayed that an Enterprise Zone Committee Meeting was scheduled and then cancelled.

Board Member, Sharon Woodward corrected the date for the next Full Board Meeting. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Board Chairwoman, reminded the Full Board Members that a Special Full Board Meeting will be conducted on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. and a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting is scheduled for the same date at 6:00 P.M.

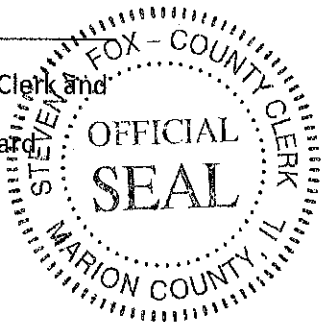
Nothing further to come before the Board, David lossi made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Creighton Engel. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:55 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 12/12/23

Steve Fox
Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



Incorporated Municipalities: Marion County

1. Alma
2. Central City
3. Centralia
4. Iuka
5. Junction City
6. Kell
7. Kinmundy
8. Patoka
9. Salem
10. Sandoval
11. Vernon
12. Walnut Hill

13 WAMAC

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Steve Fox.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Michael Morton was allowed to address the Marion County Board. He began by conveying information about himself. He stated that he was previously on the County Board for 24 years, and during that time the Marion County Health Department was established. He relayed "the biggest concern at that time was to have Board Members, dedicated Board Members of the Health Board and keep Politics out of it." He expressed that he feels that Politics is involved at this time, and he suggested eliminating that item. He continued with concerns regarding the replacement of Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk and the reappointment of Kendra Taylor to the Board of Health. His understanding that the replacement of the Marion County Health Director is an issue with a few Marion County Board Members after she did what was required of her during the COVID period from the State. He stated that he "was sorry if you were inconvenienced you had to wear a mask or your employer made you get a shot or vaccine," but a lot of lives were saved because of those requirements. He was in support of Melissa Mallow and the Health Department with following those rules and guidelines from the State.

Ms. Rebekah Powers was next to address the Marion County Board. She stated that she had recently moved back to the Marion County area. She is a nurse and had previously ran a vaccination clinic. She also expressed how awful the COVID pandemic was during its time. She felt that criticizing the Marion County Health Department and the Health of the Community is wrong. Her father, Paul Williams served on the Marion County Board in the past, and she used to attend the meetings with him. She concluded by saying "you cannot politicalize the Public's health."

Next, Ms. Kasey Angeloni addressed the Marion County Board. She stated that some people are trying to make the Health Department be "the enemy," and that during the COVID period no one actually knew what to do. She felt that the Health Department should have been a place that the Community should have been looked at for guidance and direction. She expressed that people should appreciate what they did.

In conclusion, Mr. Chuck Rose, a former Marion County Board Member, addressed the Board. He expressed that the members of the Marion County Board took an oath to uphold the Constitution, the County Laws and the Laws of the United States of America. He continued by stating that the Board is also authorized to assign people to different Boards and organizations and expects them to follow the same guidelines. He suggested that any Board Member that does not want to operate under that oath to resign and give another person the opportunity to respect the laws and obey them.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith continued by addressing the reappointments listed on the Agenda. The request from the Marion County Health Department was received in September, 2023. Motion to reappoint Kendra Taylor to the Marion County Board of Health for the term 11/30/23 to 11/30/26 was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Roll Call Vote Brock Waggoner acknowledged that he appreciated the people coming to the meeting and for their comments. He continued by discussing that there were issues with the Board of Health and the Pandemic Response Plan after the first 30 days. One of the matters was that the surrounding counties and states were opening up while Marion County remained closed. He conveyed his opinion with regards to how the Health Board continued to follow the Governor's orders without considering the general health of the people in this community in this area. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 6 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Steven Bradley, Adam Smith, and David Iossi.) Motion passed.

Motion to reappoint Michael Morton to the Marion County Board of Health for the term 11/30/23 to 11/30/26 was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 6 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Steven Bradley, Adam Smith, and David Iossi.) Motion passed.

Board Member Adam Smith had questions with regards to the Medical Supervisor's position on the Board of Health. Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Director, responded by referring to the State's Laws.

Board Member Christopher Krupp also had questions with regards to selecting individuals being recommended to be reappointed to certain Boards. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth explained the procedure.

Guest, Rebekah Powers inquired how to become involved with certain Boards in Marion County. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith relayed to have her contact Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary, and she will follow through with directing the information to the appropriate area. She continued by stating that the various Boards in Marion County may soon be accessible on the Marion County Website.

The Special Full Board Meeting continued with Finance & Insurance Chairman Christopher Krupp addressing Ordinance 2023-05: FY2024 Budget. He conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted this evening at 6:00 P.M. A few changes will need to be made and a few questions answered by Bellwether and then the final FY2024 Budget will be presented to the Full Board for their approval at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

In addition, Mr. Krupp relayed that the subject of altering the monthly payroll to two dates per month will be discussed to aid in eliminating the 27 payroll issues in the future.

Next, Ordinance 2023-06: 2024 Levy was presented and discussed. A request for a copy of the 2024 Levy with the various percentages will be made by Chairman Christopher Krupp. This topic will be reviewed by the Finance & Insurance Committee at their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The Committee's decision of the Levy's percentage amount will then be presented to the Full Board for their approval.

Before moving to the next items on the Agenda, Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to the Budget. He noted that he had concerns with items listed on the FY2024 Budget. The matter he addressed was that the insurance premiums have increased. Chairman Mr. Krupp gave clarification of why the figures under Torte are higher and is due to it being under budgeted in the past. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that negotiations are currently being conducted with the Health Insurance company. An explanation of Torte was given by State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth.

Lastly, Ordinance 2023-07: Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance (\$214,731.00) and Ordinance 2023-08: Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance (\$42,058.00) were tabled until next week's meeting to decide where the funds would be paid out of.

Board Member Steven Whritenour requested consideration of conducting monthly individual Committee Meetings versus two Full County Board Meetings. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that she will contemplate the subject matter.


Bruce Kropp, WJBD, requested that the Board Members not running in the following year's election to identify themselves. It was disclosed that Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, and Bill Henson will not be on the ballot. Brock Waggoner stated that he will discuss his intentions after the Board Meeting.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

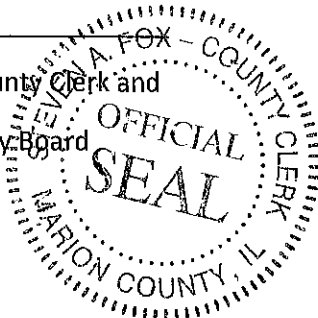
Time: 7:41 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 12/12/23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



11-20-23

Special Full Board Meeting

Wrestle

Rebekah Powers

Lynn Ham

Poppy Tamm

Michael Douglas

Journee

Melissa Mallo

RICHARD SINCLAIR

Barbra Edwards

Bill Smith

Chuck Ross

Michael Douglas

Tiffany Schickel

Mark Miller

Gary Purcell

Tim Hvospeck

Bill Smith

Gina Phillips

Kasey Angeloni

Serra Morton

Mike Morton

Nick Parker

Sherry Morton

Bob Taylor

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST Guests: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, began with a discussion with regards to the 10% increase in the evaluation of property letter that was issued to Marion County residents. He stated that this issue does not necessarily mean that there will be an increase in property taxes. Guest Janet Carter-Sullens questioned Mr. Miller if every taxing entity would increase their Levy if the taxes would then increase. He was unable to give a definitive answer. Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox relayed that an increase or a decrease on property taxes is assessed individually depending on their taxing bodies, and then it is dispersed across the population in that area. Guests of the meeting and the public were invited to come into Mr. Miller's office to discuss any questions or concerns.

Janet Carter-Sullens conveyed that she was a previous Marion County Board Member and understood the issues discussed. She stated that she respects the Board and that they have a tough decision, but encouraged the Members to not raise the 2024 Levy.

Paul Jones, Salem Business owner, relayed that his employees and the general public of Marion County cannot sustain these increased taxes. He expressed how it may affect the theft rate and may push people out of the area.

Marion County Board Member, Brock Waggoner interrupted Chairwoman, Debbie Smith while she was addressing the Guests in attendance. She was reiterating Mr. Miller's invitation to come to his office with concerns with assessment issues and relayed that the Board does not have any control over them. She expressed that the Board appreciates their presence and opinions, and that they will be taken into consideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 24, 2023 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner commented on the statements of him not being present and given the option to appear via ZOOM. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began by conveying that a quorum was not met on November 14, 2023, therefore there are not Meeting Minutes to approve for that date. He proceeded by stating that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening and that information will be relayed to the Full Board after the scheduled presentation from Chaney and Karsh Insurance Group.

He introduced Todd Dobbs, from Chaney and Karsh Insurance Group, who began the presentation with regards to the health insurance renewal and update. Mr. Dobbs relayed that in 2022 Marion County moved their account from United Health Care to Mutual Medical, a self-funded health insurance. David Andreas, Mutual Medical representative, distributed information with regards to their services. (See attachments) He continued with a detailed presentation. The Marion County Full Board had questions concerning the three options for the Symetra Renewal, which were answered. In addition, Board Member Brock Waggoner inquired if the monthly billing date could be changed. County Clerk Steve Fox stated that the Company was not previously interested in doing this. Mr. Fox remarked that the option for the employee and their portion of the premium will need to be presented to the Board this evening for approval since Open Enrollment begins December 1, 2023. Mr. Waggoner had questions why this was not addressed at an earlier meeting. Mr. Andreas explained that Semetra needs at least 10 months of data to determine the information to be presented. Steven Bradley suggested addressing the Board's percentage of the increase in coverage in September, 2024 and then finalizing the commitment during the November, 2024 meeting.

Motion for Symetra Renewal Option C (\$37,500 deductible) was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner) Steven Bradley stepped out of the room prior to the Roll Call Vote. Motion passed.

Discussion in regards to the employee's premium and the Board's portion and how it would affect the Budget for 2024 was discussed in depth. Motion for waiving an increase in the premium for the employees and a 4.7% increase for the Marion County Board was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

A discussion and a decision for the Finance & Insurance Committee to meet with Chaney and Karsh Insurance representative Todd Dobbs approximately every 6 months transpired.

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp continued by addressing Ordinance 2023-05: FY2024 Budget. He conveyed that the Budget was finalized during the Committee Meeting conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening with \$5,827.00 balance in the black. Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05: FY2024 Budget was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to the Roll Call

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if the Budget relies on increasing the Levy. Mr. Krupp verified that the Committee had agreed to present a 4% increase to the Full Board, but has not been approved at this time. Mr. Waggoner continued by relaying concerns of the guests at this meeting and the general residents of Marion County with regards to increasing the Levy's percentage. Additionally, he inquired if any budget cutbacks were taken into consideration. He relayed that one of his observations and concernment was the increases in the salaries. He also questioned the scheduling and conducting Committee Meetings. Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that there has been several Finance & Insurance Committee Meetings recently with regards to the FY2024 Budget. She also expressed that if items need to be addressed with a Committee then a meeting is scheduled to discuss that matter. Mr. Krupp conveyed that one of the changes was due to the 27 pay period that occurs every 11 years. He continued with respect to the salaries, that the Full Board had previously approved them throughout the year. Mr. Waggoner brought attention to the fact that he and Board Member Steven Whritenour would prefer returning to monthly Committee Meetings. Mrs. Smith remarked that the topic was noted. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 4 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Tyson McHenry, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

The Ordinance numbers for the Levy and the remaining Ordinances were misnumbered and corrected. Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that during the Committee Meeting prior to the Full Board Meeting, that approval to present a 4% Levy Tax increase to the Board was made. An in-depth debate among the guests and the Full Board Members was conducted. Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06: 2024 Levy with 4% increase was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes – 9 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, and David Iossi). Motion not passed.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06: 2024 Levy with 0% increase was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes – 8 nays (Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith). Motion not passed. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox reiterated that it will take a 2/3 vote for a final decision.

A Full Board Special Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. to address Ordinance 2023-06: 2024 Levy. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if a Motion has to be made to schedule a Full Board Special Meeting. Motion to schedule a Full Board Special Meeting was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Board Member Adam Smith commented with regards to the pay raises during the last couple of years. He relayed that Marion County was not in line with the surrounding counties' wages. There was a loss in Deputies and Highway Workers as a result. Sheriff Kevin Cripps explained that there is a \$4.00 difference with the wages of his officer's and the surrounding counties' officers. He has included a \$3.00 increase in his portion of the budget, which is still under the amount of the surrounding counties. The FOP pay raises are also included in his FY2024 Budget. In addition, he stated that he and other agencies in Marion County are having difficulty hiring qualified people for their positions due to the low wages. Board Member Steven Whritenour verified this information. Board Member Creighton Engel followed through with his positive view of the wage increases in the Budget. Every department is

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

affected by the issue of lower employee wages in Marion County. A guest suggested publicly conveying the purpose for the increases to help them understand the Board's position.

Mr. Whritenour continued with a discussion with reference to the benefits of an increase in Sales Tax instead of Property Tax in Marion County.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-07: Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance (\$214,731.00) with payment from the Building Repairs/Maintenance Fund was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, if funds are available in that line item. Mr. Purcell verified that the Building Fund is appropriate. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-08: Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance (\$42,058.00) with payment from the Building Repairs/Maintenance Fund was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Mr. Krupp stated that this was the final bill from Ameresco. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman, Creighton Engel asked Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments to relay any new information with regards to the Marion County Parking Lot. Mr. Miller stated that the next step would be for the board to hire an engineer to write out the specs, so that bids can be made.

Next, Sheriff Cripps requested that the Security Cameras for the Public Service Building could be addressed after the first of the year due to other Office Holders being interested in installing more cameras in some of their areas. He stated that back up will be fine during this time. Board Member Brock Waggoner again questioned the amount of backup storage. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that he would prefer to maintain the 132-day program.

Sheriff Cripps continued with information for Security Entrance at the Courthouse. He has an employee that is willing to build the desk and do the woodwork for that area. The estimate for the completion would be under \$1,000.00, an amount well under \$7,000.00 that was approved previously by the Board.

Next, Jerold Henson Painting are to begin painting and repairing the ceiling around the rotundra on the third floor of the Courthouse. Sheriff Cripps and Mr. Henson had a conversation with regards to painting the first and second floors' common area at the same time. He will be gathering an additional bid for this project in the near future.

Sheriff Cripps continued by stating that the painting of the entrance doors into the Sheriff's Department has been completed.

In conclusion, Dr. Engel commended the Marion County employees that were involved in decorating the Courthouse for the Christmas Holiday. These individuals did this on their own time. He encouraged everyone to go into the Courthouse to see the decorations. The 12 foot Christmas tree in the Courthouse was donated by Troy, Marion County Jail Administrator and County Board Member Deborah Reed. Sheriff Cripps mentioned that Santa will be visiting the Courthouse during the second or third week in December.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour had nothing new to report.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson addressed the Christmas gift cards for the Marion County Employees. Chairman Debbie Smith stated that this has been an ongoing gift for the employees for many years. The amount will not exceed \$7,575.00. Motion to approve the Christmas gift cards from Farm Fresh Market for Marion County Employees (Part-time \$25.00 and Full-time \$50.00) was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he will be contacting American Legal Publishing to request the contract since the Budget has been approved. He presented an explanation of codification to the guests of the meeting. Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, questioned when the project would be completed. Mr. Waggoner responded that the initial commitment is for a year. If the County has all of its data scanned and reviewed it could take approximately 3 months. If not, it may take 6-12 months for the process to be fully completed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley had nothing new to report.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith and Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith were in agreement that the Committee will be disbanded in January, 2024. In the meantime, the gathering of paraphernalia for the time capsule needs to take place. During the scheduled Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. Mark Decker will be also be commended for all of his work with the Committee.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2023 and seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County. Previously approved, but now put into Resolution form was tabled.

The next 911/ESDA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with discussion of the Labors' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO Contract (Highway Department). The contract was received from Andy Martone and sent to Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth for his review. Upon its return from him, it will be sent out for signatures for completion.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp had nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour had nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson relayed that the next meeting will be December 7, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that the next meeting will be December 19, 2023.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Gary Purcell relayed that a meeting is scheduled for this evening. He relayed that at last month's meeting, in Flora, they appointed a new director.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that a meeting was held earlier in the day, but he was unable to attend. Judith Meeks-Hakim was also unable to attend due to illness.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed relayed that a meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2023.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Adam Smith and Christopher Krupp relayed that the next meeting is scheduled in February, 2024.

Board Member Adam Smith conveyed that he is on the BCMW Board and they have a new director. Their next meeting is scheduled for December, 2023.

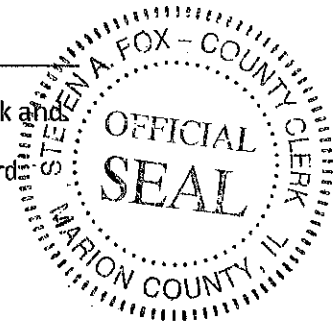
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Time: 8:55 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 12/12/23

Steve Fox
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Full Board Meeting

11-28-23

Guests

Tiffany Schuler
Ware - Bear

Bill Smith
Chris Hunt

Paul Jones

Donna Jones

Amber Carter

Just Carter Miller

Emark Bryant

Dennis Rosenberg

MARK MILLER

Wong Purcell

Bruce Kraft

County of Marion - Plan Year 1/1/24-12/31/24

I. ADMINISTRATION AND PPO FEES Mutual Medical

	Enrollment	
Claims & Admin Fee	64	\$40.00
PPO Network Fee	64	\$8.00
Total Annual Admin & PPO Fees		\$36,864.00

SYMETRA RENEWAL OPTION

II. INDIVIDUAL EXCESS LOSS COVERAGE		CURRENT	A	B	C
Individual Specific deductible		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$37,500
Aggregating Specific		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual & Lifetime maximum		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Claim basis		24/12	36/12	36/12	36/12
Benefits covered		Medical & RX	Medical & RX	Medical & RX	Medical & RX
Specific Premiums	Enrollment				
Employee	62	\$279.65	\$288.05	\$288.05	\$279.65
Employee + Spouse	0	\$557.07	\$573.75	\$573.75	\$557.07
Employee + Child	2	\$493.05	\$507.85	\$507.85	\$493.05
Family	0	\$836.75	\$861.85	\$861.85	\$836.75
Total Annual Premium	64	\$219,893	\$226,498	\$226,498	\$219,893
			3.00%	3.00%	0.00%

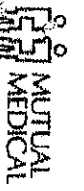
III. OPTIONAL - AGGREGATE EXCESS LOSS COVERAGE

Aggregate Benefit Maximum		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Claims basis		24/12	36/12	12/12	12/12
Benefits covered		Medical & RX	Medical & RX	Medical & RX	Medical & RX
Corridor		125%	125%	125%	125%
Aggregate Premium	Enrollment				
Monthly Composite	64	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Total Annual Premium		\$11,520	\$11,520	\$11,520	\$11,520
Aggregate Factor	Enrollment				
Employee	62	\$410.00	\$553.50	\$492.00	\$492.00
Employee + Spouse	0	\$816.73	\$1,102.60	\$980.05	\$980.05
Employee + Child	2	\$722.84	\$975.85	\$867.40	\$867.40
Family	0	\$1,226.75	\$1,656.10	\$1,472.10	\$1,472.10
Annual Aggregated Deductible		\$322,388	\$435,224	\$386,866	\$386,866
Estimated Aggregated Claims		\$257,911	\$348,180	\$309,492	\$309,492
			35%	20%	20%

IV. ADMIN FEES, EXCESS LOSS PREMIUMS & CLAIMS COSTS

Total Annual Maximum Plan Costs	\$590,665	\$710,106	\$661,747	\$618,278
Total Annual Expected Plan Costs	\$526,187	\$623,061	\$547,510	\$540,905
<i>Monthly Max Funding</i>	\$49,222	\$59,176	\$55,146	\$51,523
<i>Monthly Expected Cost</i>	\$43,849	\$51,922	\$45,626	\$45,075
		20.2%	12.0%	4.7%





Large Claim Liability

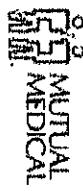
Report: MNP006p
As of: 11/20/23

Parent Group: MRC - MARION COUNTY
Minimum Paid Amount: \$ 10,000

Service Date Range: 01/01/22 - 10/31/22
Paid Date Range: 01/01/22 - 10/31/22

Relation	Sex	Age	Act/Term	Ben Pkg	Highest Dollar Diagnosis	Paid
MRC1	F	50	T	MRC1	G95.0 Syringomyelia And Syringobulbia	13,046.65
MRC1	F	50	A	MRC1	General Diagnosis For Premium Reimbursement	12,447.82
MRC1	M	46	A	MRC1	General Diagnosis For Premium Reimbursement	10,993.62
MRC1	F	51	A	MRC1	General Diagnosis For Premium Reimbursement	12,988.36
MRC1	M	39	A	MRC1	R11.2 Nausea With Vomiting, Unspecified	14,492.66

Member Count: 5 Total: \$ 63,969.11



Large Claim Liability

Report: MMP006p
As of: 11/01/23

Parent Group: MRC - MARION COUNTY
Minimum Paid Amount: \$ 10,000

Service Date Range: 01/01/22 - 10/31/23
Paid Date Range: 01/01/23 - 10/31/23

Relation	Sex	Age	Act/Term	Ben Pkg	Highest Dollar Diagnosis	Paid
MRC1	M	18	A	MRC1	K35.80 Unspecified Acute Appendicitis	46,420.19
MRC1	M	56	A	MRC1	Z12.11 Encounter For Screening For Malignant Neoplasm Of Colon	21,176.42
MRC1	M	41	A	MRC1	I42.9 Cardiomyopathy, Unspecified	28,386.87
MRC1	F	64	A	MRC1	M81.0 Age-related Osteoporosis Without Current Pathological Fracture	25,878.43
MRC1	F	50	A	MRC1	PREM General Diagnosis For Premium Reimbursement	14,750.40
MRC1	M	39	A	MRC1	R55 Syncope And Collapse	28,626.50
MRC1	M	46	A	MRC1	PREM General Diagnosis For Premium Reimbursement	13,497.44
MRC1	F	55	A	MRC1	Z12.11 Encounter For Screening For Malignant Neoplasm Of Colon	22,205.62
MRC1	F	51	A	MRC1	PREM General Diagnosis For Premium Reimbursement	15,442.08
MRC7	F	34	A	MRC7	MED General Medical Diagnosis	10,055.54

Member Count: 10 Total: \$ 226,439.49

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Karma Dunham.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bill Smith addressed the Board Members with information and his concerns in regards to the 2024 Levy. One of the major issues for the Board that he discussed was for them to determine the amount that is needed for the County during the next year, not wanted. Additionally, he conversed with respect to other entities within Marion County and their decisions to increase their Levy percentages.

Roy Landers, business owner, expressed that he and others would possibly agree with Mr. Smith, if the tax bills in Marion County were "reasonable". He feels that they are not.

Josh Dunahee conveyed his apprehensiveness of the higher percentage of the 2024 Levy and had questions with reference to its effect on other taxes.

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, proceeded with a discussion regarding the handout that he distributed. (See attachment). Multiple questions from guests of the Meeting continued, which Mr. Miller acknowledged and relayed answers in an in depth conversation. Rich Crouse and Paul Jones, business owners, addressed the matters of the higher reassessments also.

Mr. Miller continued to relay information with regards to the Township Assessors. He directed people to confront them if anyone has issues with their assessments. They are elected officials and he has no control over them. He also invited everyone to visit his office with concerns and he will direct them to the proper people. In addition, Board Member Bill Henson directed Mr. Miller to explain how people could further address their issues. Mark Miller communicated that if anyone would like to file a grievance with the Board of Review, packets are available in his office at the Courthouse. The final date for filing the grievances is December 21, 2023. He conveyed that his office is having problems with the mail system and them delivering the 10% increase in Equalized Valuation on Property Tax notices. Multiple notices have not been delivered and have been returned to his office.

Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions for Mr. Miller with reference to the Drone Flight Assessments in Marion County. Mr. Miller stated that the next flight assessment is planned for March, 2024. They are scheduled to take place every 3 years.

Multiple guests were in agreement that inconsistencies in assessments is a major concern and discussed this with the Board and Mr. Miller. Mark Miller stated that he is the Supervisor of Assessments, but has no control over the elected Township Assessors.

Janet Carter-Sullens, who previously served as Marion County Board Chairman, continued by conveying her opinions with regards to the 2024 Levy. She acknowledged that the Board has a difficult decision to make, but she would like them to consider the effects on the Tax Payers. She questioned Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp on the subject of the Board's determination procedure in passing the Budget. Mr. Krupp responded that each line item was reviewed and discussed if necessary. He additionally explained that in August, 2023, the Committee met with each Department Head to analyze their requests. He felt that each Office Holder did not ask for any more than what was needed. Ms. Carter-Sullens continued with her concerns with hiring Bellwether Consulting as the Marion County Board's consulting firm. Board Member Creighton Engel explained that Bellwether has actually aided with a net gain of approximately \$250,000.00 for the County. Furthermore, in regards to Budget cuts, he conveyed that his Committee, the Building & Historical Committee, cut approximately a quarter of million dollars from FY 2024 Budget. An additional point that she questioned was the amount of COVID money (ARPA) that Marion County received and how it was spent. Dr. Engel stated that it was used for renovations to the Marion County facilities, including the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Department. A discussion of using Ameresco and not many local businesses' services took place. Board member Brock Waggoner voiced his opinion with this matter. Additional information was given by Board Member Adam Smith in reference to using Ameresco, who specializes in working with the regulations set forth by the use of the ARPA Funds. Board Member Jack Riley conveyed that currently and within the last year more local businesses' services are being utilized.

Board Member Tracy Murray had additional questions for Mark Miller pertaining to the reductions indicated on the 10% Increase in Equalized Assessed Valuation on Property Taxes handout. Mr. Miller explained how the 2024 Levy would affect the County portion of the tax bill.

The Full Board Special Meeting recommenced in regards to the 2024 Levy.

Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith directed Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp to address the matter. He reviewed the handout from Bellwether with the various percentages for the Levy (see attachment) and how they would affect the FY 2024 Budget. During the discussion, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned Mr. Krupp if the Audit has been completed. He continued with comments with regards to how the Board could ask for more money from Tax Payers, if they cannot demonstrate that their previous monies were spent correctly. Mr. Krupp explained that the Audits are currently being managed and will be completed in the near future. Mr. Waggoner made a motion to table the 2024 Levy. Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that a decision needs to be made this evening due to it needing to be approved by the end of December 2023. Board Member Bill Henson had a question for Mr. Krupp, but was interrupted by Mr. Waggoner. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith allowed Mr. Henson to proceed with his question of how 0.5% Levy would affect the Budget. Mr. Krupp gave an explanation that monies would need to be taken from the General Fund to make up the difference.

The FY 2024 Budget was based on a 5% Levy. Motion to table the 2024 Levy was previously made by Brock Waggoner and now seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes – 8 nays (Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith). Motion not passed.

The Meeting continued with Mr. Krupp and Mr. Henson discussing the differences in the FY 2024 Budget if a certain percentage is approved by the Board for the 2024 Levy. Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, had previously provided the balances for the General Fund since 2012 to Mr. Krupp. The balances ranged from \$1.8 million to \$3.2 million. He stated that the latest balance that he is aware of was approximately \$4 million. Brock Waggoner disputed a balanced Budget during the past few years. Mr. Purcell verified that the County is under their Budget. Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that the Levy is based on need and not want. She noted a few necessary expenses for the next year, for example the Marion County Parking lot repairs due to the hazards, the replacement of the unsealed windows in the Public Service Building, and the remodel of the Courtroom to make it Handicap assessable. She also expressed that cuts were considered and applied, but Marion County still has multiple projects that will need to be negotiated during the next year. She continued to explain that current wages will cause issues with layoffs and maintaining skilled employees. Therefore, the result will demonstrate a reduction in services.

Board Member Steven Whritenour brought attention to the current balance of the General Fund. He discussed the option of utilizing this fund to balance the FY 2024 Budget. Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that the County would be devastated if this was done and the State did not follow through with their payments to Marion County. In addition, Mr. Whritenour addressed the 10-15% reserve that Bellwether recommends and also the incompleteness of the Audit. A discussion continued with regards to the previous motion for the 0% Levy. Guest Janet Carter-Sullens interjected for Board Member Tracy Murray to make a motion. Motion to approve 0% 2024 Levy was made by Tracy Murray and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Mr. Whritenour conveyed his concerns with the Marion County Taxing Bodies. Chairman Mrs. Smith directed him to address the Board not the Guests. Bill Henson had questions if voting on the 0% Levy again would be cause for concern. Mrs. Smith proceeded with the Motion. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, and Deborah Reed). Motion passed. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this may not have an impact on Marion County this year, but will next year. Apprehension with the passing of the 0% 2024 Levy was expressed from a few Board Members.

Guest, Gerald Molenhour was allowed to address the Board. He communicated that, in his opinion, standardizing the property taxes would assist in people of the Community accepting an increase in the Levy from the Marion County Board. Dr. Engel directed people to communicate with their Township Boards with regards to the issues they are having with their assessors and assessments. During this discussion, Chairwoman Debbie Smith telephoned Steve Fox, County Clerk and Clerk of the Marion County Board, to inform him of the approval of the 0% Levy and to see if it was legitimate. Brock Waggoner voiced his opinion with regards to Mrs. Smith making the phone call. Mrs. Smith relayed that Mr. Fox verified that the motion could be made.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Dennis Rosenberger, Claude Howell, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Hendrick Morton, and Matt Hall.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Officer, requested to comment to the media. Chairwoman Debbie Smith allowed him. He conveyed to them that he picked up 2 pigs today, and inquired if they could help in locating their owner. Any information can be directed to the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, announced that the Marion County Probation Department received a \$427,850.00 grant for the Drug Court Program. The funds were from the Bureau of Justice Assistance program, and only awarded to five counties in Illinois. The four-year grant will begin in January, 2024 and help provide services for Drug Court participants. She stated that this is the largest grant that the department has received.

Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, conveyed that she has observed how the Marion County Drug Court Program has been monitored by the Federal and State Agencies. In her opinion, "they have always gotten extremely high remarks."

Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, stated that he was very supportive when Renee Pride spoke with regards to applying for this grant. He relayed that this will help the program to continue with the drug court housing in Marion County. He commended Ms. Pride.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting dated November 14, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes – Continued:

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Special Meeting dated November 20, 2023 made by Bill Henson with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting dated November 28, 2023 made by Jack Riley with second by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented his report.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¾%	\$80,744.93	\$97,562.08
1%	\$44,461.55	\$59,374.87

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting dated November 20, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting dated November 28, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$831,271.08 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$519,238.71 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$630,728.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented an explanation of Resolution 2023-55: State’s Attorney Appellant Prosecutor Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-55 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Financial & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented an explanation of Resolution 2023-60: Election Judge Compensation. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-60 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp conveyed an update on the Audit. He stated that the process of the Audit has started. He will continue to update the Board with any new information.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$281,203.49 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Creighton Engel proceeded with his presentation. He stated that the painting on the 3rd Floor of the Courthouse will begin after the Holidays. The County is seeking bids for additional painting of the 1st and 2nd Floors, the North Stairwell, Office Area, and Double Black Doors of the Courthouse. Two companies were contacted, but failed to follow through with their bids. There is a possibility that the painting in these areas has not been done since the 1970's.

Lastly, Dr. Engel conveyed that the odor in the Public Service Building has returned. The next step for Tate Plumbing is to tear into the wall between the restrooms and replace the sewer lines. Scheduling this project and coordinating with the Marion County Probation Office will be done in the near future. Discussion of the County Resolutions with regards to the threshold amount for construction projects occurred. Mr. Fox went to the Courthouse and retrieved the Resolutions. During this time, Chairwoman Debbie Smith continued with the Full Board Meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore Law Enforcement Committee Member Tracy Murray presented the report.

Approval of Bills: \$163,292.68 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Bill Henson brought the attention to the purchase of a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no reports from Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps and Marion County ESDA Director due to their absence.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$24,769.59 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 5 dogs were picked up during the month of November. This is a considerable drop in numbers from the past months. Mr. Ferguson and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth held a discussion with regards to the Village Ordinance Violations and that he is a Marion County Employee. Mr. Ferguson requested guidance for the proper procedure of him issuing

County & Community Committee – Continued:

citations. In addition, Committee Chairman, Bill Henson and Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that they will continue to follow up with the City of Centralia contract.

Mr. Henson commended Michael McCormick for loaning Mr. Ferguson a truck while the Animal Control vehicle is being repaired after hitting a deer.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent. Committee Chairman Bill Henson made a motion to table the Codification Proposal – Contract from American Legal Publishing and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – Continued:

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of the Marion County Board returned to the meeting with the Resolutions regarding bidding for construction projects. He stated that the maximum amount is \$5,000.00. Questions and concerns with resolving the current odor issues in the Public Service Building were discussed. Committee Chairman Creighton Engel questioned State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth if this was an emergency situation or a construction matter. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth relayed that if the Board justifies that this is an emergency that \$10,000.00 can be approved. Motion to approve \$10,000.00 for an emergency solution was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Dr. Engel will be reaching out to Tate's Plumbing in the morning to have them start the project. Amendment to the Resolution with respect to the construction amount will be made and presented to the Full Board at the meeting scheduled Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$173,028.83 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, requested approval of four Resolutions. An explanation of each was given.

Resolution 2023-56: MFT Maintenance FY 24. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-56 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-57: Reappointment of County Engineer (6-year term). Motion to approve Resolution 2023-57 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-58: IDOC/County Salary Program Joint Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-58 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-59: Salary Fund Appropriation (\$123,800.00). Motion to approve Resolution 2023-59 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Next, Mr. McCormick conveyed information with regards to the Route 161 Skillet Fork Bridge issues. The funding phase for this project will begin in October, 2024. State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth relayed that Sheriff Kevin Cripps contacted his office last Friday, and at least five trucks were issued citations for being overweight while crossing this bridge. This is an emergency situation to obey the weight restrictions of this bridge.

In addition, Mr. McCormick distributed and discussed the 5-year Project Plan FY24 – FY28 handout (see attachment).

In conclusion, he shared information since being hired as Marion County Highway Department Engineer in 2011.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that there were no updates to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that this evening’s 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was canceled. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County. Previously approved, but now put into Resolution form will be addressed at the Full Board Meeting, December 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that there were no updates to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP


Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that there were no updates. He informed the Committee Members that since the Budget FY2024 is completed, he will be sending out more information in the near future.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Bradley made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:14 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 12-26-23



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



Marion County Board
5-Year Project Plan FY24-FY28

The following is the 5-Year project schedule and funding for the Marion County as of December 12th 2023

Project Year	Project Name/Location	Funding Source	Estimated Cost (2023)
FY2024	Green St/Odin Road Safety Project	Federal HSIP Fund.	\$2,500,000
	Kline Road Bridge	Federal BRP Fund	\$700,000
	Range Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$600,000
	Basom/Curry Road RR Crossings	GCPF ICC/State	\$200,000
	Maintenance Facility Site Prep	County Highway	\$70,000
FY2025	Race Track Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$600,000
	Maintenance Facility Site Construction	County Highway	\$150,000
FY2026	Shanghi Road Bridge	Federal BRP Fund	\$700,000
	Meridian Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$800,000
	Maintenance Building Construction	County Highway	\$2,000,000
FY2027	161 Ext over Poplar Creek	Federal Illinois SBP	\$2,000,000
	Quail Run Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$700,000
FY2028	161 Ext over Skillet Fork	Federal BRP/STR	\$7,000,000

Respectfully submitted to the Marion County Board on 12/12/2023

Michael McCormick, P.E.
Marion County Engineer

See other side for proposed projects

Project Name/Location	Funding Source	Estimated Cost
Edgewood Road –	Federal funding removed due to highway classification complications Funding was transferred to the Kinoka Road East Project	\$500,000
Kinoka Road East-	Federal funding was removed and placed into the Green Street/Odin Road Safety Project.	\$1,000,000
Tank Farm Loop-	No Funding in Place	\$1,000,000
Hoots Chappel/Tonti Rd Truck Route	No Funding in Place	\$2,500,000
Brubaker Rd Truck Route	No Funding in Place	\$12,000,000
Brubaker/Kimmundy Rd Truck Route	No Funding in Place	\$10,000,000
Williams Road RR Xing	Funding requested from GCPF	\$300,000
Norton Road RR Xing	Funding requested from GCPF	\$200,000
Lois Lane RR Xing	Funding requested from GCPF	\$200,000

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 26, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Dennis Rosenberger, Claude Howell, Wayne Walker, Matt Billingsley, Megan Billingsley, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, and Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Megan Billingsley addressed the Full Board Members with regards to concerns her family is having with the Marion County Animal Control Officer, Ken Ferguson. She stated that she has been in contact with the Marion County Sheriff's Department and the media. Marion County Board Chairwoman advised her and her husband, Matthew, that she and County & Community Chairman, Bill Henson will be in contact with Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. In conclusion, Ms. Billingsley conveyed that she has filed a police report with the Marion County Sheriff's Department and has a list of all contacts in which she has spoken with respect to this issue.

Chairwoman, Mrs. Smith relayed that Tom Cagle, Central City Board Trustee, was not available this evening to address his concerns with the Central City's animal control issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Special Meeting Minutes dated December 6, 2023 was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2023 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

County Clerk Steve Fox relayed that there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with a discussion in regards to the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage. Questions and concerns were expressed by many Board Members. Chairwoman Debbie Smith provided a small summary of the subject. Committee Member Creighton Engel suggested obtaining additional information and presenting it at the Full Board Meeting on January 12, 2024. Motion to table the topic of Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Creighton Engel. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$34,347.53. Motion to approve Resolutions 2023-61 through 2023-103 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Lastly, Mr. Krupp conveyed that due to illness and a marriage the FY2021 and FY 2022 Audits were delayed. The completion of the FY2021 Audit is estimated to be in early January, 2024. After that finalization, the FY2022 Audit should be settled shortly thereafter.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began with a discussion with regards to the bids for the painting of the 1st and 2nd Floors, North Stairwell, Office Area, and Double Black Doors at the Marion County Courthouse. He conveyed that only one bid has been obtained. Two other companies were contacted, but neglected to provide their proposals after given additional time to return them. Jerald Henson Painting Contractors, LLC's, who was previously approved for the 3rd floor and stairwell painting, provided the additional estimated costs. Motion to approve the bid of \$26,900.95 from Jerald Henson Painting Contractors, LLC was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to how the bids were obtained. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, an update on rectifying the odor in the Marion County Public Service Building was relayed. Tate's Plumbing is continuing to examine the issue and a further report will be conveyed when available.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent. Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, relayed that there are 56 total inmates, which 22 are Federal, being housed at the County Jail.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson was absent; therefore, Committee Member Tyson McHenry began with a discussion with regards to Marion County's letter of support for the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – City of Salem. Motion for the letter of support was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner raised questions with the TIF district. Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested having Leah Dillicarpini, Director of Economic Development – City of Salem, attend a meeting in January, 2024 to respond to questions and concerns. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Arrangements will be made by Lori Linder, Marion County

County & Community Committee - Continued

Board Secretary, to have Ms. Dillicarpini attend a Full Board Meeting in January, 2024.

Next, the Bureau Certification Letter – Discover Downstate Illinois was addressed. Motion to approve the letter of support for Discover Downstate Illinois was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, the Marion County Board Meeting 2024 Notice and the start time of the meetings were discussed. Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that she had received a proposal from State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth on behalf of himself and the Marion County Elected Officials with regards to an earlier start time of the monthly meetings due to the length of the past meetings. After consideration among Board Members, a decision to begin the meetings at 6:30 P.M. was made. In addition, an adjustment to the date of the second meeting in December 2024 was determined. Motion to approve the Marion County Board Meeting Notice 2024, adapt the start time to 6:30 P.M., and adjust the second meeting date in December 2024 to Monday, December 23 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth commended the Board Members for their approval of the earlier start time of the meetings.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner relayed that he had met with State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth to discuss the codification proposal contract from American Legal Publishing. Clarification with a few matters needs to be addressed and then a Committee Meeting will be scheduled for approval of any changes since the original acceptance of the contract. Motion to table the Codification Proposal – Contract – American Legal Publishing was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley relayed that there was nothing new to report.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith relayed that there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. instead of 6:00 P.M. due to the time change for the Full Board Meetings.

Prior to moving to the next Committee’s report, Sharon Woodward shared information that she had been contacted by the Mayor of Kinmundy with regards to an invoice that she had received from Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Director. Discussion and clarification will be conducted in the near future.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith relayed that after the first of the year Marion County Sheriff will place an advertisement for a Part-time Janitor that was previously approved in his Budget.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that there was nothing new to report. A Committee Meeting will be scheduled

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson was absent, therefore nothing new to report.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that a meeting was conducted. He conveyed that their Revenue is approximately \$1.4 million. They are also advertising to fill a full-time nursing position.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that she was not able to attend their monthly meeting.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim relayed that a meeting was conducted on December 19, 2023. She conveyed that she received an award and will be attending the National Conference for the Housing Authorities in San Diego in January, 2024.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed relayed that a meeting was conducted on December 11, 2023. She conveyed that the topic of the discussion was their annual report of their accomplishments throughout the year of 2023. The next meeting is scheduled in March 2024.

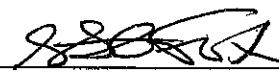
In conclusion, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, communicated that she and Board Member David Iossi have been in contact with respect to the grants for the signage of the Public Service Building and the Marion County Sheriff's Department. The applications will be submitted within the next couple of weeks. She will convey any information that she receives to the Board at future meetings.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Creighton Engel made the motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 7:38 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: 1/23/24



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board

