

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

A Quorum was not met.

The Marion County Full Board Meeting will be rescheduled.

Steven A Fox



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and explaining that only the bills will be addressed at this meeting.

Invocation presented by Judith Meeks-Hakim.

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 Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith. Absent was Brock Waggoner, Steven Whritenour, and David Iossi (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guest: Bill Smith.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was not present. Therefore, Chairwoman Debbie Smith addressed these figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$82,784.34	\$82,779.45
1%	\$50,389.56	\$32,825.66

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$106,713.06 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed. Mr. Krupp will obtain clarification of a restaurant bill.

Insurance: \$19,598.37 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$998,298.90 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This amount includes a 3 pay period.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$12,943.28 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Creighton Engel encouraged everyone to go to the Courthouse to view the painting process of the public areas on each floor. He conveyed that it looks very nice.

County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that frozen pipes was an issue a few days before this evening and affected the boiler at the Courthouse. Dr. Engel explained that the problem was with the water meter, and it has been resolved.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore Law Enforcement Committee Member Tyson McHenry presented the report.

Approval of Bills: \$82,477.94 Tyson McHenry made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$10,312.38 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$67,915.12 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

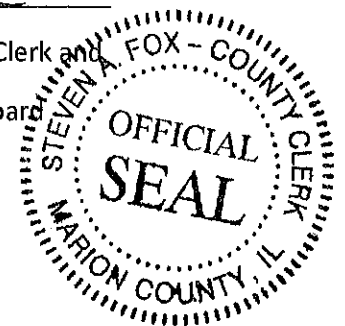
Nothing further to come before the Board, Creighton Engel made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 6:44 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 1/23/24

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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Creighton Engel (arrived late), Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Adam Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No One.

Proceeding out of sequence with the items on the Agenda, Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith introduced Marion County Resident Circuit Court Judge Mark Stedelin. His discussion included the renovations for the large third floor Courtroom in the Marion County Courthouse, Room 301. He stated that there were "fatal flaws" with the previous proposal for the improvements and upgrades. The first was the estimated cost of \$1.8 million. He expressed that his suggestions would not be that high priced. For instance, he would not like to modernize the Courtroom, but maintain its historical appearance by keeping the original woodwork and lighting. He recommended an expansion of the Jury box seating area from 12 to 14 people, and also making it handicap assessable. In addition, he would like the witness stand to accommodate wheelchair-bound people and provide a larger seat especially for law enforcement officers. Improvements to the Clerk's bench and make room for all of the new electronic technology was also encouraged. He also suggested consideration of new painting and carpeting in the room. Judge Stedelin would like to see all of this done this year.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith requested that Judge Stedelin compose a list of his proposals. After this is received, the Board would be able to obtain cost estimates and put the work out for bids. She expressed gratitude towards Judge Stedelin for conveying input with regards to the Courtroom's renovation project.

Prior to proceeding with the meeting, Sheriff Kevin Cripps proposed conducting Marion County Board Meetings in the large Courtroom in the future. Next, Judge Stedelin suggested that the Board also consider replacement of the windows in the Courthouse in the near future. Sheriff Cripps and Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that this project is moving forward at this time. The replacement of the windows in the Public Service Building is included.

Lastly, Mrs. Smith questioned if there were any security issues that need to be addressed. Judge Stedelin stated that he and Sheriff Cripps had a previous discussion and determined that cell phones

would be barred in the Courthouse during jury trials. This will prohibit people from abusing the phone's use in the Courtroom such as taking pictures of witnesses and posting on social media. In addition, Sheriff Cripps stated that he would like to add a security entrance from the elevator into the Courtroom to avoid contact between the prisoners and the public in the future.

Continuing out of order, County and Community Chairman Bill Henson introduced Leah Dellicarpini, City of Salem Economic Development Director. Prior to Ms. Dellicarpini's presentation, Mr. Henson relayed that the website IML.org provides TIF details. Ms. Dellicarpini had previously provided information with regards to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) (See attachment) that was included in the Full Board Meeting packet. She continued with a thorough presentation and included Salem's TIF District 2. She responded to questions and comments from County Board Member Brock Waggoner. He additionally questioned if a Resolution needed to be approved in lieu of the letter of support for TIF. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that the matter will be discussed with State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. Ms. Dellicarpini welcomed everyone to meet with her to address any further questions or concerns. Her business cards were provided. Mrs. Smith expressed gratitude to Leah Dellicarpini for coming and addressing the Board with the TIF information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 26, 2023 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Full Board Special Meeting Minutes dated January 16, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began by addressing the Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. 2024 Renewal Contract. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stepped out of the room briefly and then will present information with regards to the contract as soon as he returns.

During his absence, a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-01: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-058-160 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and Resolution 2024-02: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-067-505 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

An explanation of Ordinance 2024-01: Document Class Predictable Fee Schedule was given by Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Project Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was discussed. Board Member Brock Waggoner conveyed his concerns with increasing the amount due to Audits 2021 and 2022 not being completed and issues with the County's spendings in the past. The State's threshold is \$30,000.00 and was the previously proposed amount. More questions and concerns existed and a Motion to table Ordinance 2024-02 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Reverting back to the Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. 2024 Renewal Contract, Sheriff Kevin Cripps conveyed that this is the same Healthcare Plan for Marion County inmates as in the past. A discussion of its assets occurred. Motion to approve the Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. 2024 Renewal Contract was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Bill Henson. Prior to Roll Call Vote Board Member Tracy Murray inquired if it was an annual premium, which was verified. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if other companies were considered. Sheriff Cripps and Bill Henson emphasized that Advance Correctional Healthcare, Inc. is a highly admirable company and that there are very few companies that offer this service. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage which was previously tabled, was again tabled until a Full Board Meeting in February, 2024. Chairman Christopher Krupp will be obtaining more information with regards to this topic prior to the meeting. He will also request that Dimond Brothers Insurance representative Tom Simpson attend. In addition, an overall Insurance Committee Meeting will convene in the near future to clear up all of Marion County's coverages.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp relayed that he has been told that the FY2021 Audit will now not be completed until the end of February. A meeting with WIPFLI will take place the following morning at 9:00 A.M. He will then convey an update with the Audit at the Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman, Creighton Engel began with a discussion of the Phoenix Modular Elevator Maintenance Proposal. Chairwoman Debbie Smith indicated a slight increase in their rates this year. Sheriff Kevin Cripps verified that this is the best company choice for Marion County. Motion to approve the Phoenix Modular Elevator Maintenance Proposal was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Sheriff Cripps continued by conveying that Jerold Henson Painting has completed the painting and repairing the ceiling around the rotunda on the third floor of the Courthouse. In addition, the painting on the first and second floors' common area is finished. Dr. Engel and Sheriff Cripps encouraged everyone to visit the Courthouse and are very pleased with the results.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Sheriff Cripps reiterated that the next major project for the Courthouse be the replacement of its windows. He conveyed that the water had frozen in Judge Stedelin's restroom toilet due to a window issue in that room. Additionally, water froze at the meter entering the Courthouse over the weekend. Six units in the jail also had issues that same day. Rend Lake Plumbing & Heating was contacted to resolve that matter.

In conclusion, Dr. Engel reported that the odor in the Marion County Public Service Building has very much improved. A cracked sewage pipe that may have contributed to the issue was repaired. The wall will remain open to monitor the situation for a short period of time.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour opened the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps for the report.

Sheriff Cripps conveyed that there are presently 48 inmates in custody with 21 Federal. These numbers continue to decrease. He reiterated that he feels more people should be held in jail that are a risk to public safety, but continue to be released and rearrested. Discussions are ongoing between himself and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with regards to this matter. Other Law Enforcement Agencies are dealing with this issue also.

Sheriff Cripps stated that a concern with a concrete wall in one of the cell blocks will be resolved the following day.

Lastly, Sheriff Cripps relayed that Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center has closed. Marion County Juvenile Delinquents are now being transported to the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center as it is now the priority facility. Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director stated that St. Clair County Juvenile Detention Center will be used as a backup, but they are having staffing issues. Sheriff Cripps discussed how electronic monitoring is becoming an alternative option. There is a maximum 12-hour limit of detainment at the Marion County Jail for all Juveniles. This issue will be further addressed by Sheriff Cripps, other law enforcement officers, State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth, and Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if a Juvenile is charged with a heinous crime where would they be detained for a longer period of time. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that it may be a possibility of having to search for facilities in other states and Marion County would be responsible for that cost.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson allowed Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Officer to present his report. Mr. Ferguson stated that 7 dogs were picked up and that the shelter remains full. Fostering and finding new homes is an issue with the large amount of dogs being abandoned in Marion County. He reiterated that everyone is working together with regards to solving this matter. He continued by conveying that there is presently \$49,000.00 in the spay/neuter program fund.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that discussions are ongoing with regards to the contract with American Legal Publishing. This matter was tabled. He will be conducting a Sub-Committee Codification meeting in the near future and then present that information to the Full Board.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley announced that Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, would be presenting the proposals of the Resolutions on the Agenda.

Mr. McCormick requested approval of three Resolutions. An explanation of each was given.

Resolution 2024-03: County 2024 Aggregate Bid Approval 24-00000-00-GM. Prior to motion being made, Steven Bradley questioned if there were any rejections. Mr. McCormick stated that there were not. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-04: Township 2024 Aggregate Bid Approval 24-(01-17)000-00-GM Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-05: ROW Permit Raccoon Water Company/County Farm Road Service Line. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Next, Michael McCormick conveyed that the Green Street Safety Project low bidder is Guinzy Construction located in Ashley, Illinois. Their bid was bid was \$3.4 million, which came in under the estimate. The project's start date is undetermined at this time, but hopefully sometime this spring. It will also include a portion of the Odin Road bridge area. The Kline Road Bridge project is still pending.

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick spoke about a portion of Martin Road off of North Route 37 that IDOT is interested in having Marion County take over its jurisdiction. After a discussion, he was given authorization to refuse the transfer at this time from the Full Board Members.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that the following day is end of the Bicentennial Celebration.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour relayed that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. The revision of 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 will be made and presented to the Full Board in the near future.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith was absent; therefore, no report was presented.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that he received an email from Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith with regards to Wabash Communications applying for a grant and requesting a letter of support from the Marion County Board. Mr. Krupp will be forwarding a copy of Resolution 2023-35: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Residents and Areas of Marion County, Illinois to the company.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Christopher Krupp commented that a member of the public questioned him regarding signage on Quail Run Road. It was determined that it is a Township Committee issue. They will be instructed to contact the Stephenson and/or Alma Township Commissioner with this issue. Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer relayed that the final distribution of the Marion County Property Taxes will occur at the end of the week. The Interest from the Collector's accounts will also be distributed within Marion County. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator provided Financial & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp correspondence from the State of Illinois with respect to the Marion County Audit. Mr. Krupp will follow through by communicating with WIPFLI and will report back with their information.

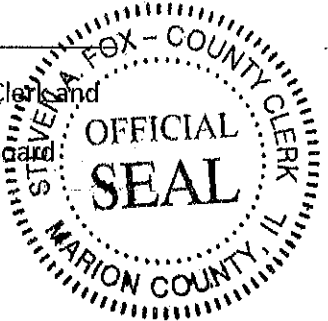
Nothing further to come before the Board, David Iossi made the motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:15 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 2-13-24

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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, began with a discussion with regards to Illinois House Bill 4512 coming before the Legislature this spring. Information was previously provided to each Full Board Member in the Full Board Meeting Packet. (see attachments) Mr. Miller requested that the Board consider approving a Resolution supporting the Website posting of property assessments and eliminating the newspaper publications. This option will save approximately \$28,000.00. Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions with reference to the public access to the listings on a website vs. publishing in the newspaper. County Board Member Judith Meeks-Hakim inquired if a hard copy would still be available. Mr. Miller stated that it would be obtainable in his office at the Marion County Courthouse. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith advocated to follow through with the Resolution process.

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, continued with the presentation of the Marion County Court Services Department 2023 Annual Report. This was also included in the Full Board Meeting Packet. She called attention to the Department's 1,089 caseloads this past year, which is down 35 from the previous year. Other statistics within the Department were discussed. She relayed that a correction of the number of Fentanyl juvenile cases be reduced to zero. She concluded by stating that the Marion County Drug Court was recertified on September 25, 2023 by the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning, along with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on January 23, 2024 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>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$84,048.14	\$81,710.71
1%	\$42,985.19	\$38,003.07

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$139,676.36 A discussion regarding a certain bill took place. Further information is needed prior to paying this. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills with the exclusion of the \$1,500.00 bill from Big R and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$85,857.55 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: \$689,910.30 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the IMRF portion of the bills. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Financial & Insurance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024. A quorum was not met.

Regarding the Old Business on the Agenda, Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Projects Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was tabled. Additionally, the topic of the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage will be discussed in the near future.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore Law Enforcement Committee Member Tyson McHenry presented the report.

Approval of Bills: \$103,410.90 Tyson McHenry made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

No additional matters were discussed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$63,287.15 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 Officer, reported that 20 dogs were picked up during the month of January. Committee Chairman Bill Henson and Mr. Ferguson discussed concerns with regards to the

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Municipalities and not being able to pick up the animals in their areas. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that a few Municipalities will soon be meeting to address the issues and then convene with the City of Centralia. Mr. Henson reiterated that the Marion County contract with the City of Centralia relates to animals in the county not in the municipalities. The Incorporated areas are responsible for their own animal matters with respect to this difficult situation.

Committee Chairman Bill Henson continued by conveying that the Marion County Regional Office of Education #13 2nd Quarterly Report was provided in the Full Board Meeting Packet. He encouraged everyone to review this information.

Next, Resolution 2024-06: Marion County Declaring Financial Non-Support for Immigration Crisis was discussed. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Board Member Jack Riley indicated that a correction needed to be made to the word “Count” to “County” in the last paragraph. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 with the revision was made by Bill Henson and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner addressed the Codification Proposal – Contract from American Legal Publishing. He conveyed that a Sub-Committee meeting was recently conducted, and the decision to have quarterly Web updates and the duel format was made. Furthermore, Mr. Waggoner expressed that additional training is offered. Motion to approve the American Legal Publishing Codification Contract with the quarterly Web updates and the duel format was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2024 was made by Bill Henson and seconded Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$85,254.57 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – No nays. (Christopher Krupp stepped out of the room prior to Roll Call Vote) Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board with his report.

Sheriff Cripps expressed gratitude to everyone for their condolences with regards to the passing of the Sheriff Department’s co-worker. He continued with the topic of the Courthouse Lawn Maintenance, and suggested that this matter be addressed at a later date. Next, he relayed that the painting at the Courthouse has been completed and encouraged everyone to go and take a look at it. Lastly, he stated that he received two bids for the Security Systems for the Courthouse and the Public Service Building. These will be presented and further discussed at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel recognized Brent Taylor, Design Engineer from Gonzalez Companies, LLC. Mr. Taylor stated that his company does a lot of work with the Marion County Highway Department, and has done other work in the Salem area. He emphasized that his company is not

associated with Ameresco. He offered Gonzalez Company services to Marion County for the parking lot design and construction inspections. He distributed two proposed drawings to the Full Board Members. The estimated cost of the project is currently \$700,000.00. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the purpose of Mr. Taylor's appearance. It was reiterated that Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer made the arrangements and for the Board to consider utilizing his services. Further conversation with regards to the design of the parking lot occurred. Additionally, discussion of EPA involvement took place. Mr. Engel suggested conducting a Committee Meeting prior to making any decisions or commitments.

In conclusion, Chairman Creighton Engel disclosed that verification of the Illinois State Fire Marshall Document re: Reimbursement for costs associated with property environmental spill clean-up in reference to the parking lot was received.

Marion County Board Chairman Debbie Smith indicated that the Sheriff and ESDA Coordinator's reports were omitted from the Agenda. She then allowed Law Enforcement Committee Member Tyson McHenry to address the matters. Mr. McHenry gave the floor to Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, and he relayed that there are 48 inmates which 27 are Federal inmates and 1 Juvenile being housed in Madison County. He conveyed that a large amount of ID Network training is taking place in the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her report. She stated that last year that ESDA worked 74 events and had a total of 2,201 hours of service. Twenty-one calls were assisting the Marion County's Sheriff's Department. She mentioned the Braniff Communication, Inc. invoice, which Chairwoman Debbie Smith will review. Sheri Barter distributed binders to the Full Board Members that included information regarding the Emergency Sirens in Marion County. 911/ESDA Committee Member Brock Waggoner continued with an explanation of this data.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$373,956.05 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman conveyed that Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer's reported that tree trimming on Green Street Road will be conducted this week. The media will relay this information to the public.

Committee Member, Bill Henson requested a list of Marion County Road Commissioners.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this Committee will be addressed in the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 26, 2024.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that items with regards to this Committee will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 26, 2024.

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.


Marion County Board Member Adam Smith conveyed that the Bailiffs have not received their raises that were previously approved by the Board. This matter will be attended to.

Nothing further to come before the Board, David Iossi 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: 7:47 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 2-27-24



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



Full Board Meeting Feb 13, 2024

Guest:

Sherry Baxter Marion Co. CJA Coord.
Renee Pude Marion Co. Probation

MARK MILLER SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Wayne S. Walker

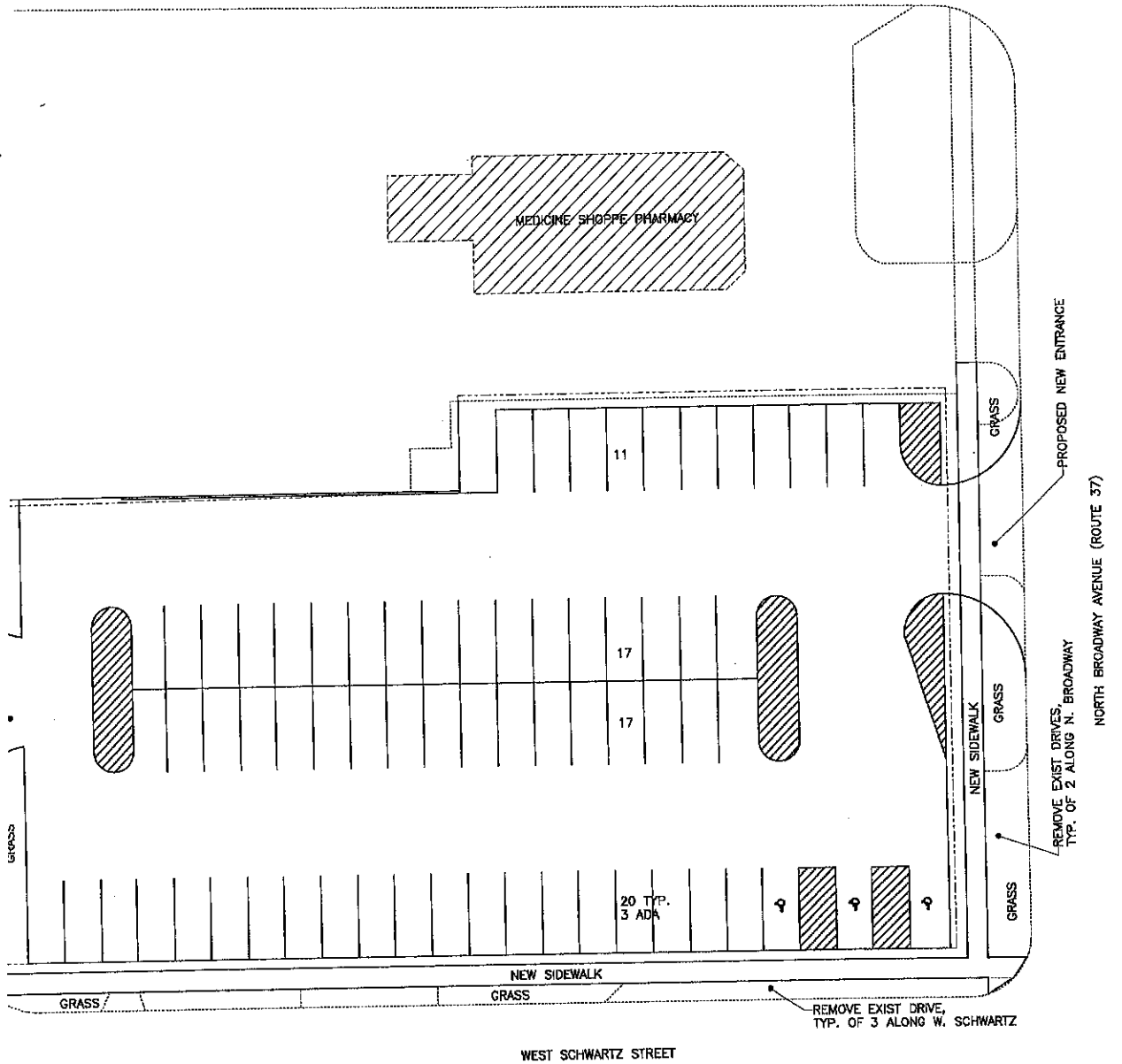
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Bill Smith

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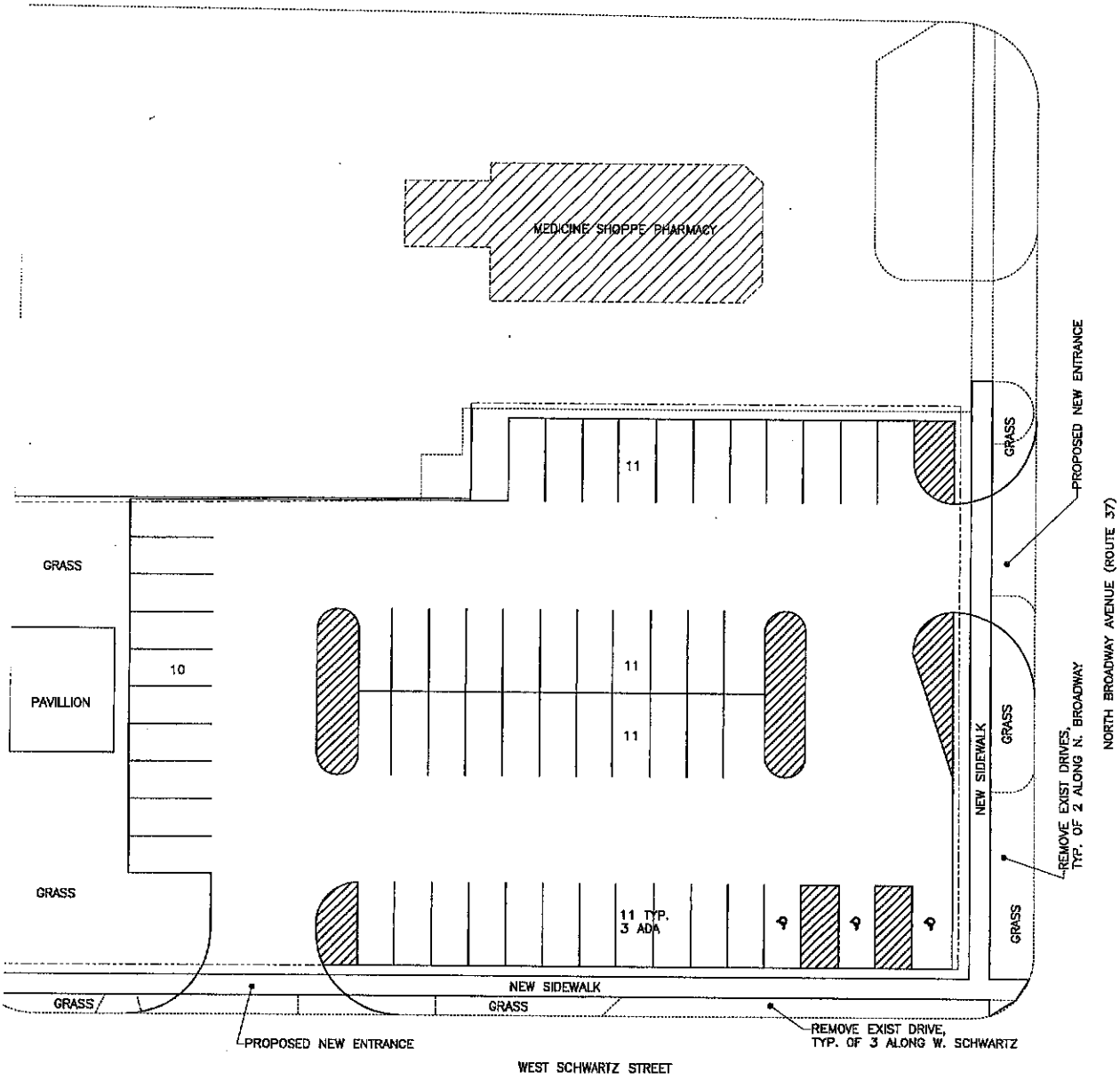
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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 27, 2024

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith requested that Board Member Christopher Krupp continue with conducting the Full Board Meeting.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Claude Howell addressed the Full Board Members, and commended them for welcoming him to the past meetings.

Next, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Director presented her Annual Report of the Board of Health. She distributed a pamphlet (see attachment) to the Board Members prior to the presentation. She thoroughly reviewed and discussed each item on the report. She welcomed any questions or concerns and responded to each one. Board Member David Iossi inquired to how many people are on staff at the Department. Ms. Mallow acknowledged that there are 24-part time and full time employees. Board Member Adam Smith posed questions with reference to investments, to which she efficiently responded.

Ms. Mallow was commended by Chairwoman Debbie Smith and several Board Members for her report and her services for Marion County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Committee Chairman Bill Henson allowed Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, to discuss the Illinois House Bill 4512. Mr. Miller provided examples of how the public can access the Marion County Property Assessments. He explained the difficulties of finding certain locations and certain information of the areas when published in a newspaper. The expense last year for the publication, which is required by State Statute, was \$28,000.00. The Illinois House Bill 4512 amends the Property Tax Code. In Counties with less than 3,000,000 residents, the assessment list may be posted on the Supervisor of Assessment's website. During the last Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 support for this option was confirmed. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-07: Supporting Illinois House Bill 4512 (HB4512) was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent, therefore Committee Member Deborah Reed conveyed that the finalized copy of the American Legal Publishing Codification Agreement was received. A copy will be emailed to each Marion County Board Member.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was no new information to be conveyed.

Board Member Adam Smith had questions with reference to a grant that was denied for the Marion County Highway Department. Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman clarified that after speaking with Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, that the State was looking for a higher population area and visible. Mr. Krupp continued by explaining that the Levy for the Highway Department was passed by their Department, but concerns with Marion County not passing a Levy may affect future grant applications. This matter will be addressed at a future Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 23, 2024 and was seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

With regards to 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, a revised copy has been written. This item will be addressed at the next 911/ESDA Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. A copy will be emailed to Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour prior to that date.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that consideration of an increase with the insurance coverage on the ESDA sirens needs to be addressed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was no new information to be conveyed.

A Closed Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. with an open combined Meeting with the Finance & Insurance Committee at 6:30 P.M.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that he had spoken to Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith and requested to be removed as Chairman for the Committee and appoint Committee Member Deborah Reed for the position. The current Committee Chairwoman is Deborah Reed.

Mrs. Reed stated that correspondence from Spectrum was received, which requested a letter of support for increasing Broadband in Marion County. She will be sending a copy of Resolution 2023-45: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Residents and Areas of Marion County, Illinois to them.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith made a motion to disband the Bicentennial Committee and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Previous Committee Chairman Adam Smith noted that a large amount of interesting information with regards to Marion County's history was disclosed during this time.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that three Marion County businesses have renewed the license so far this year. They include Iron Saddle Ranch, Colonial Golf Course, and A Fair Barn. She relayed that there is only one liquor license application available in the County at this time.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour reiterated that they are currently switching from Cushing Systems to ID Networks, Inc. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith acknowledged that Mr. Whritenour celebrated his 20 years of service with the Centralia Police Department and was commended by the Marion County Board Members.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that the next meeting will be conducted on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that a meeting is being conducted this evening in Effingham, Illinois. Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer is in attendance.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whitenour stated that a meeting was conducted on Thursday, February 22, 2024. He commended Kelly Tinsley, Executive Director, for all of her dedicated service with the organization. In addition, he conveyed that the Housing Authority environment in Centralia has greatly improved since she took charge of the department.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that the next meeting will be conducted on March 18, 2024.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that the last meeting was cancelled due to a quorum not being met.

Marion County Board Chairwoman commended Sheriff Kevin Cripps for the article in the Centralia Sentinel with reference to hiring a School Resource Officer for South Central and Patoka schools.


Marion County Board Member Jack Riley had questions in regards to Marion County Board demonstrating support for the TIF District in Salem, Illinois. A letter of support was issued the day after it was approved by the Full Board. At this point the letter stands. If in the future the necessity for a Resolution will be considered.

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: 8:05 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 3/12/24



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



2-27-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Kevin Crapps - Sheriff

John Henry Paul

Paul House, Carl. County

Dennis Doenberger

Wayne S. Walker

MARK MUEE

Bill Smith

Bruce Kraft, WJBD

Melissa Mellow, Marion Co. Health Dept.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 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 Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Creighton Engel (arrived late), and Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, stated that he received the Final Equalization Factor from the State. They reviewed his final abstract, all of the sales from the year, and assessed values associated with those sales, and the State issued a 1.0 Equalization Factor. Mr. Miller explained that the State felt that his 10% was appropriate by issuing this number. He concluded by relaying that the Tax Bills should be distributed on schedule this year.

Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner distributed an estimate from T & S Plumbing and Contracting, Inc. to the Board Members (see attachment). He indicated that it was from 2020 and in reference to correcting the odor in the Marion County Public Service Building. Board Member Christopher Krupp stated that the last report was that the issue has been resolved. A final decision of how to close the wall area where the repair was made is the only remaining matter of concern. Mr. Waggoner expressed that this was brought to the Board's attention in 2020 and he questioned "where did the ball get dropped." After reviewing the estimate, Mr. Krupp announced that he did not recall discussing the odor issue until the year 2023 when the Office Holders were asked to prepare a priority list of repairs. Board Members Sharon Woodward and Judith Meeks-Hakim did not have any recollection of this being addressed in 2020 and both concurred that the estimate does not describe what it is for. Mr. Waggoner stated that the individuals that he has been talking with verified that it is specifically for the odor problem in the Public Service Building. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith asserted that this will be further examined. Mark Miller inquired if Mr. Waggoner had contacted Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director. He would not indicate who he had communicated with regards to this matter. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder disclosed that she has been working with the 2020 Meeting Minutes up to July of that year. This concern had not been brought to the Board's attention up to this point, but she will continue researching. Marion County Board Member Bill Henson spoke with respect to this time period and the COVID restrictions causing confusion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on February 27, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Due to Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk being absent, Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that if there were issues with the Illinois Department of Revenue’s figures to direct them to Mr. Fox.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$93,785.29	\$94,969.51
1%	\$49,260.96	\$44,708.22

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$83,785.13 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp addressed the Marion County’s Coroner’s bill which was tabled from the Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. He stated that he received information from Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth, but there is a need for further discussion on Elected Official’s Budgets. He conveyed that Big R did nothing wrong, and he would like for them to receive their monies. Motion to approve paying the Big R bill for \$1,500.99 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$42,836.49 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: \$653,245.87 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Financial & Insurance Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The topic of the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Coverage Increase was addressed at that meeting. He relayed that the limit \$46,158.00 would increase the annual premium by \$1,274.00, and the Committee approved for this to come before the Full Board. This would only cover the 12 sirens that Marion County is responsible for. He has a pending email from Chaney and Karch Insurance that will provide information with regards to the annual premium increase for a \$55,000.00 limit on each siren. Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner recommended that the Board approve the initial increased limit amount and alter the coverage if deems appropriate after

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

receiving the requested information from the insurance provider since storm season is in effect. Chairman Christopher Krupp concurred. Motion to approve the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Increase Limit to \$46,158.00 for each siren with a premium increase of \$1,274.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: all ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Mr. Krupp will follow through with obtaining the figures for the \$55,000.00 coverage.

Regarding the Old Business on the Agenda, Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Projects Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was again tabled. Additionally, the topic of the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage will be discussed in the near future. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Committee Meeting with a presentation by Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance, will be conducted on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. With respect to the Audit update, he conveyed that WIPFLI is gathering the final data to complete the 2021 Audit.

In conclusion, the Bailiff Pay Increase was previously discussed and included in the 2024 Budget, but not approved. Motion to increase the Bailiff's pay to \$104.00 per day was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This amount will be retroactive to December 1, 2023.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$26,275.13 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel relayed that there was an issue with the backdoor at the Marion County Public Service Building. Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance had spoken with a company with regards to the door, and the quote was approximately \$5,000.00 for its replacement. Mr. Daniels contacted the door company and they fixed the door instead of replacing it. The total cost was approximately \$100.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$153,161.75 Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour announced that this total is enlarged due to the Axon bill for the in car cameras. This amount is \$68,805.28 and payment will be made through the ¼% Sales Tax. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office Report was presented by Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator. He relayed there are 48 inmates which includes 31 Federal inmates and 1 Juvenile housed in Madison County. The in car cameras have not been installed, but the body cameras have been functioning for the last couple of months.

Due to Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Director being ill, a report was not given.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$72,015.12 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nays (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

County & Community Committee -- Continued:

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer was absent and there was no new report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he had nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$212,600.33 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

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

Resolution 2024-08: Purchase 2017 MACK Truck – Higgs Welding \$29,900.00. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-09: ROW Request CTC Illinois, Berry Road. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-09 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Guest Mike Heinzmann addressed the Full Board with concerns regarding Red Stripe Road west of Odin Road in Marion County. This is a Marion County road. He discussed traffic issues on Red Stripe Road during the time period that Green Street Road and Odin Road will be closed for repairs. Michael McCormick verified that this project is on the maintenance repair schedule. In addition, he stated that keeping Green Street Road open during its renovation is part of the contract. Traffic may be reduced to one lane during this period. Closure of Odin Road will be determined by the contractor at the time of its repair project.

Next, Mr. McCormick continued by relaying that tree trimming took place on Green Street Road recently. He commended the agencies involved with the Highway Department during this project. This included AT & T, Centralia ESDA, and the City of Central City. The Green Street Road and Odin Road Safety Project and the replacement of the closed bridge on Kline Road in Patoka Township are to begin in April, 2024. He is also anticipating the replacement of the closed Range Road Bridge to begin in September or October of this year.

In conclusion, more repairs have to be made to the Skillet Fork Bridge on Route 161 Extension next week. Mr. McCormick will be making an announcement that all traffic will be detoured beginning next Tuesday, March 18, 2024 through at least Friday, March 22, 2024.

Prior to continuing with the 911/ESDA Committee's report, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the availability or if any opportunities exist for the public to provide any economic impact feedback during the time that Mr. McCormick applies for Grants for the Skillet Fork Bridge replacement. He responded that there is an additional grant that he will be applying for that requires certain documentation that will be taken into consideration for awarding the final decision of the Grant. Mr. Waggoner suggested that the Road & Bridge Committee conduct a meeting to address the public's input with regards to the bridge and also provide the location where to forward their correspondence.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. During the Meeting, a decision was made to have an Emergency Siren Site Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. An additional 911/ESDA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Next, Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve 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 and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Marion County Board Member Tracy Murray questioned if the Marion County municipalities were notified of the Agreement, which Mr. Whritenour verified that each of them were sent emails, letters, and invites to all Committee meetings. Any one of them may contribute any amount of monies to the cost of the service.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. He conveyed that the main topic of the meeting was the revision of the Marion County Board Secretary’s Job Description. The primary objective for modifying the job duties is due to the Secretary’s position becoming full time. For instance, the days and hours per week were changed, and the addition of sick and vacation time information. Furthermore, the description and duties of the Freedom of Information Act Officer were included, and the responsibilities with scanning and submitting the Resolutions and Ordinances for Marion County to American Legal Publishing for codification. A draft of the description will be sent to the Committee Members for review and approval.

Mr. Smith continued by relaying that he had reached out to Legal Counsel Rick Stewart with regards to him representing Marion County. He and Attorney Stewart will be in contact with one another in the near future.

Lastly, Mr. Smith stated that Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth will be reviewing the final copy of the Laborer’s Contract for the Marion County Highway Department that was received from Daniel Wiggins.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ^{Deborah Reed} CHRISTOPHER KRUPP


Chairman ^{Deborah Reed} ~~Christopher Krupp~~ stated that there were no updates.

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

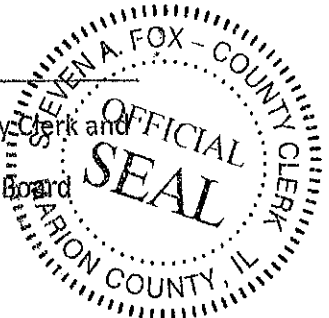
Time: 7:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 3-26-24



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



3-12-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Donna Roenberger
Clark Howell Coud. for me Larson

Bill Smith

Jeffrey Scherer

~~Paul H. H. Jr~~

Ray Luc Jail Admin.

Wayne Walker

Mark Miller, Marion Co. Sup. of Assessments

Michael McCormick, MCHD

Shari Butler, ESDA

Bruce Krapp

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County resident Jennifer Timms addressed the Full Board Members with respect to the Skillet Fork Bridge and her concerns. She conveyed that the roads off of Extension Route 161, which would need to be taken if the bridge is shut down, are deplorable. In addition, the alternative main roads for heavier traffic are quite a distance from this area. Ms. Timms questioned if a solution could be larger warning signs with respect to the weight limits or if officers could issue citations for violations in this area. Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps responded that issuing overweight citations would be difficult for his department due to the inability of determining if trailers are loaded or unloaded. Sheriff Cripps stated that there is a requirement of certification. Therefore, the Illinois State Police have been notified several times and they have responded. He directed Ms. Timms to contact Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, with respect to the signage and any future closures. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman, Steven Bradley concurred.

Prior to continuing with the meeting, Roll Call was 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, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Creighton Engel.

Judge Mark Stedelin addressed the Full Board Members with regards to the renovation of Courtroom 301 in the Marion County Courthouse. A proposal from Shores Builders was distributed and reviewed (see attachment). He stated that he would prefer for the Board to consider the estimate and approve it within the next couple of weeks. His preference is to begin the project as soon as possible. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that she would forward this information to Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel, and have him schedule a Committee Meeting prior to the last Full Board Meeting in April, 2024. Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker recommended exploring if CURE Act Funds are available to cover the costs for the renovation. Full Board Member, Brock Waggoner questioned if the Attorneys' opinions are being considered. Judge Stedelin conveyed that this is not a major concern in his opinion. He would like to see more electronic access at the tables in the Courtroom for them to utilize. Ms. Schicker has a Technical Grant that is available and will be applied to those updates. Furthermore, Full Board Member David Iossi inquired if Bluetooth or wireless was an option. Judge Stedelin and Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker relayed that security is a vast issue with this

choice along with errors with reliability. Chairwoman Debbie Smith commended Judge Stedelin for all of his time and commitment to gathering all of the renovation bid's information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated March 12, 2024 was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Full Board Member Deborah Reed stated that a correction to the name of the Broadband Committee Chairman should be changed to Deborah Reed. This amendment will be made. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent, therefore State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the letter from Odin Fire Protection District President, Rod Hawley. Motion to reappoint Vicki Smith for an additional term for the Odin Fire Protection District Trustees was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Next, Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the letter from Kinmundy –Alma Fire Protection District. Motion to reappoint Mike Vandever to the position of Trustee for the Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District for an additional three-term commencing May 1, 2024 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Full Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if South Central Transit has any reappointments that need to be addressed. Full Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that she has not received any notifications from the agency through the Board Secretary's office.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by relaying that the annual Commissary Audit for the Marion County Sheriff's Office will begin soon. He reiterated that the FY 2021 Audit draft is WIPFLI's main focus and should be completed by the end of the month, and the FY 2022 Audit draft by the end of May. In reference to the FY 2023 Audit draft, the projected completion is July 2024.

He continued by conveying that Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Project Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46), the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage, and the discussion of the Budget for the part-time janitor will be discussed at the Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Next, Mr. Krupp relayed that the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Coverage Prorated Premium Increase was \$914.00. The \$55,000.00 coverage increase will also be considered at the Committee Meeting next week.

Furthermore, the subject of the T & S Plumbing estimate dated July 13, 2020 was discussed. An explanation of their services for a collapsed sewage pipe in the Marion County Public Service Building during this time was given by Chairman Christopher Krupp. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, had spoken with Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, and addressed the Full Board with her information with regards to this issue. The restoration was completed by T & S Plumbing and payment was approved by the Board and made in August, 2020. The agency also conveyed that

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

more issues may develop in the future due to the age of the pipework. Mr. Miller was commended for his research on this topic by Mr. Krupp and Mrs. Debbie Smith.

Lastly, a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 6, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to moving forward with the next Committee's report, Full Board Member, Tracy Murray questioned the previous subject of the Big R bill. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that it has been paid. Chairwoman Debbie Smith emphasized the importance of the Board Members reviewing the monthly bills and addressing any questions or concerns with them.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members with his Department's report. He conveyed that there are 51 inmates total with 32 being Federal. He stated that the Federal inmate population has increased. The Sheriff's Department handled 778 calls and 52 traffic stops during the month.

Sheriff Cripps continued with a video presentation with respect to a pilot program for a Deputy Assigned to DCFS. The main purpose of this project is for the safety of the Social worker and the children. It will also allow a quicker response for an officer to take a child into protective custody. The DCFS Agencies that have this pilot program are Iroquois, Macon, Madison, Jefferson, Jackson, Knox, Peoria, and Sangamon Counties in Illinois. He stated that Illinois is wanting every county in the state to implement this application. Sheriff Cripps has had an in-depth conversation with the DCFS officer from Jefferson County with very positive feedback. The costs of the officer's salary and his/her equipment are 100% covered by the DCFS Agency with Sheriff Cripps being the supervisor of this officer. Questions from the Full Board Members were answered. Motion to authorize Sheriff Kevin Cripps to proceed with the draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement for a DCFS Officer was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This matter will continue to be addressed at a future Full Board Meeting.

Sheriff Cripps stated that two deputies will be attending training for the School Resource Officer in April. The officers will begin services in Patoka and South Central schools in the Fall of 2024. Additional officers for Raccoon and Selmaville schools are still being considered.

He ended his report with addressing the pole on the North side of the Courthouse that was damaged approximately a year ago by a motor vehicle accident. He conveyed that this is where all of the fiber optic lines run and needs repaired as soon as possible. In addition, he will follow through with any insurance claims in relation to this restoration.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, relayed her report (see attachment). She stated that ESDA recently assisted with the Antique Power Days Auction. She has been in contact with Braniff Communications. A representative from the company will be in Marion County the week of April 29, 2024 to inspect her emergency sirens. In addition, they are willing to examine the Salem and Centralia sirens.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Ms. Barter continued by relaying that ESDA has assisted the Marion County Sheriff's Office with three calls this month for traffic controls. The Agency provided assistance with the PKC Coon Hunt last week, where 900 plus dogs were in attendance. Additionally, ESDA will provide aid during the Eclipse Weekend Events at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The ESDA Office will be open Friday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., then the required 24 hours on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to their services with assistance for traffic control during this period. Ms. Barter responded that a request from the Sheriff's Office will have to be made first, but they will be available.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Committee Chairman Bill Henson announced nothing new to report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner announced nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley announced nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour requested a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 12, 2024. Christopher Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour continued by stating that the Site Visit of the Emergency Sirens has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. 911/ESDA Committee Members are to meet at the Marion County ESDA Office. Committee Member Brock Waggoner questioned State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with reference to the requirements for this meeting and the Open Meetings Act. State's Attorney Mr. Hudspeth suggested it to be posted. An Agenda will be distributed and posted for this meeting.

Next, Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the Everbridge \$3,300.00 invoice. He explained that it pertains to their professional services. The Cities of Salem and Centralia have agreed to pay \$1000.00 each and Marion County will be responsible for the remaining balance of \$1,300.00. Andrew Strong, Salem Emergency Management Coordinator has volunteered to assist other communities within Marion County in setting up their own Everbridge System. Adam Smith made a motion to pay the invoice of \$3,300.00 with the Cities of Salem and Centralia contributing \$1,000.00 each and Marion County to pay \$1,300.00 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

With regards to 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 that was passed at the last Full Board Meeting, a letter will be issued to the Marion County Municipalities requesting a contribution from them for this service. The Cities of Salem and Centralia have both committed to paying \$3,200 each. The correspondence to the other entities will request a donation up to \$500.00. This contract will include the years 2024 and 2025. Individuals will be allowed to establish the notification alerts that pertain to them.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith requested a motion to approve the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 6, 2024. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

A Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled in April, 2024 to discuss hiring Attorney Rick Stewart, Stewart Law Firm, PC, as legal counsel for Marion County's Labor Relations.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED

Committee Chairman Deborah Reed relayed that Board Member Brock Wagoner sent her an article stating that as of March 15, 2024, the Federal Communications Commission quadrupled the minimum Community Broadband Internet Speeds. Therefore, according to the updated Broadband Map Challenge, Marion County is now considered unserved.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CREIGHTON ENGEL

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel was absent; therefore, a report was bypassed by Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith. A Building & Historical Committee Meeting will be scheduled soon.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced nothing new to report.


Nothing further to come before the Board, David Iossi 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: 7:23 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 4/9/24

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





Revised
received
3/12/24

2222 E McCord Street
Centralia, IL 62801

PHONE: (618) 532-3997
FAX: (618) 532-9719

PROPOSAL

March 11, 2024

Marion County Courthouse
100 E. Main St.
Salem, IL 62881

RE: Court Room Remodel

Mark,

Our cost to complete the casework, walls and door per our conversation includes the labor, material and equipment to complete the following items. Once you have a chance to review the scope please feel free to give me a call at any time if you have any questions or comments

Scope of Work

Re-work witness stand/Jury Box

- 1.) Demo existing witness area
 - 2.) Build new platform (3'x5')
 - 3.) Modify existing rails/trim as needed
 - 4.) Install existing seat back
 - 5.) Daily cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$3,670.00**

Wheel Chair access-

- 6.) Modify existing rails to allow wheel chair access
 - 7.) Install trim as needed to complete the opening
 - 8.) Daily/Final clean up of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$2,475.00**

Install new wainscot-

- 9.) Remove existing wainscot (approx. 400sf)
 - 10.) Install new wainscot (to match existing woodwork)
 - 11.) Install trims/caps as needed to finish out the tops of the panels
 - 12.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$13,567.00**

Install new door unit- (from court room to hall)

- 13.) Layout and cut opening
 - 14.) Install new frame/door in new opening
 - 15.) Install new trim around both sides of the door to match existing trims
 - 16.) Install all hardware needed to complete the unit
 - 17.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$8,700.00**

Demo existing temp walls-

91,311⁰⁰

- 18.) Remove all door/s frames (save for the owners)
 - 19.) Demo existing walls and haul off
 - 20.) Patch ceiling tiles as needed if damaged by the demo
 - 21.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$3,700.00**

Install new desk/work area (Budget number on unit)

- 22.) Remove existing desk and tops
 - 23.) Modify base to fit new desk
 - 24.) Install new desk/top to match existing wood work (budget cost)
 - 25.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$7,800.00**
Budget for desk- \$6,500.00

Install new carpet tile flooring-

- 26.) Demo existing carpet
 - 27.) Remove and re-install bench seats
 - 28.) Misc. Floor prep
 - 29.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$30,600.00**

Paint area/stain trim work-

- 30.) Misc. touch up on walls and ceilings
 - 31.) Paint ceilings/walls
 - 32.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$18,480.00**

Install new trim around mural-

- 33.) Install new 2" wide trim around mural
 - 34.) Stain trim to match existing
 - 35.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$2,319.00**

TERMS

We hereby propose to furnish materials and labor -- complete in accordance with the above specifications. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alterations or deviations involving extra costs will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance. One (1) year warranty on all labor. Payments are to be made monthly as work progresses. Balance due upon completion. A service charge of 2% per month, which is 24% per annum, will be charged on any unpaid balance, which exceeds 30 days.

Signature

Date

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work, as specified. Payments are to be made when invoice is presented.

Signature _____

Date _____

Marion County ESDA
March 2024 Monthly Report

March 2nd
Power Days Auction

*2 Brariff Com - April 29
Week.*

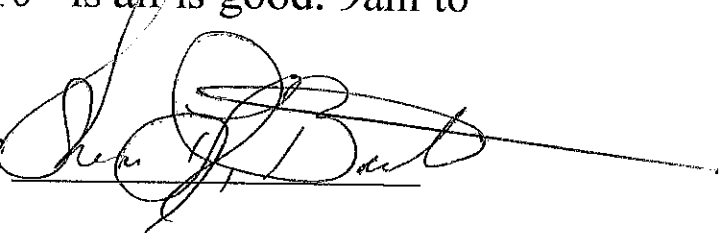
We were called out on 3 calls so far this month to help the Sheriff Dept. with traffic control. 3 units / 3 personal for each call.

March 18-23

PKC Coon Hunters World Champion Hunt 2023
The first cast night there were about 900 plus dogs Friday night in Newton which is Jasper County. A PKC Coon Dog worth approximately \$20,000. and was chalked to win the hunt with a purse of approximately \$50,000. got lost, after hours of searching, the dog was located in the garage of one of the volunteers in Jasper County that was helping look for the dog. The dog had been poisoned and had to be put down, the Jasper County Sheriff was called along with the State Police and State Game Warden. The persons involved, have been arrested and detained. Charges to be filed are cruelty to animals, kidnapping or detaining of animal just to start. That is all I have been told.

For April, we are gearing up for the eclipse and the EOC will be opened each day with extended hours
Friday 5th and 6th 8am to 7pm
Sunday 7th thru 9th the office will be open 24 hours.
Then back to normal hours on the 10th is all is good. 9am to 3pm

Date *March 26-2024* Signed off



3-26-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Sherrill J. Baxter Marion Co. ESRA
Zachary E. Paul Marion Co. Citizen (SKILLCOT FORK BRIDGE)
Janet Timm
Kevin Cripps Sheriff
Bill Smith
John Henry Paul
Dennis Rosenberger, Morning Sentinel
Bruce Krupp, WJBD
Wayne Haskins
Claude Howell
Mark Miller, Supervisor of Assessments
Tiffany Schickel, Circuit Clerk
Judge Mark Medalia
Jim Hudspeth, State Atty
Sheriff Kevin Cripps

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Tyson McHenry, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel (arrived late), Bill Henson, and Steven Whritenour.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on March 26, 2024 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>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$81,621.88	\$74,589.19
1%	\$40,413.09	\$37,302.56

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox recited the letter from Salem Fire Protection District Board Secretary, James T. Somer. Motion to reappoint Stephen M. Squibb for an additional term for the Salem Fire Protection District Trustees was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Deborah Reed. His current term expires 5/1/24. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by stating that a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting was held Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., and the topics of that meeting will be discussed under the Old Business portion of his report.

Mr. Krupp announced that an additional Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:15 P.M. The items on the Agenda consist of the Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, the Circuit Clerk, and the Coroner's salaries.

Approval of Bills

General: \$249,589.43 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if the amount included a purchase of a new vehicle by the Coroner's office. The purchase amount was confirmed to be incorporated in the total. Issues with not titling and registering vehicles under Marion County will be researched and discussed in the near future. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$49,620.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$669,374.23 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the Expert Witness Fees for Public Defender and its invoice. A General Ledger Report was attached, and Mr. Krupp stated that response would need to be followed through with Craig Griffin, Marion County Lead Public Defender. This question referred to the General section of the bills, but was addressed at this time. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). 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 \$900.00. Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-10 through 2024-12 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David lossi. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Continuing with the Old Business listed on the Agenda, Ordinance 2024-02: Emergency Repairs to County Buildings (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was discussed. The amount of \$30,000.00 is stated in a State Statue, and an agreement was previously made at a Committee Meeting to raise the amount to \$30,000.00 from \$10,000.00. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David lossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, questions from Board Members Brock Waggoner and Tracy Murray were considered and responded to. Another debate regarding what is considered to be an emergency issue occurred after inquiry from Tyson McHenry. Sheriff Kevin Cripps expressed his opinions with this significant matter. An additional Ordinance for non-emergency matters is being contemplated and will be addressed in the near future. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed. A Point of Order was made by Brock Waggoner. It was clarified.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Next, increasing the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage was discussed. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that a presentation from Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance Sales Executive, had taken place at a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The Committee determined that the amount of coverage be increased to \$3,000,000.00 with an annual premium increase of \$2,357.00 and be presented to the Full Board for their consideration. Motion to increase the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage to \$3,000,000.00 from \$1,000,000.00 with an annual premium increase of \$2,357.00 (prorated) was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if \$3,000,000.00 would be an adequate amount for the size of the municipality. A response was made. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next subject matter shared from the Committee Meeting was the Office Holders Purchases. It has been determined that the Full Board does have the authority to monitor their purchases, but cannot instruct them how to spend their monies for their offices. Expenditures are allowed to be at the Office Holders discretion after the money has been approved by the Board for their Budget. Another issue analyzed was the email addresses that the Office Holders use for County business. Using the email provided by the County will be required to be utilized. A legal notification will be issued in the near future to each Office Holder.

Furthermore, Mr. Krupp conveyed that the topic of the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Coverage Increase was addressed at that meeting. He relayed that the limit \$55,000.00 would increase the annual premium by \$1,467.00 (prorated), and the Committee approved for this to come before the Full Board. This would only cover the 12 sirens that Marion County is responsible for. Motion to approve the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Increase Limit to \$55,000.00 for each siren with an annual premium increase of \$1,467.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: all ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The hiring of a County Finance Person was the next item of discussion. Having a person on retainer to assist with the County's financial matters was suggested and considered. No final decision was made. Board Members Tracy Murray and Brock Waggoner had questions and concerns that were addressed. Mr. Krupp reiterated that further discussion will occur in the course of time.

Additionally, the proposals for the renovation of the large Courtroom will be discussed at the Building & Historical Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:45 P. M.

In conclusion, the Audit update was conveyed by Mr. Krupp. WIPFLI is needing more information with regards to the IMRF, concerns with achieving this data for them is an issue. County Clerk Steve Fox relayed that he has been told that this information will never be available from his office. The company will take help desk requests only and will retrieve the particulars from their old system. There is not a time limit on the return of the information. The completion of the Audit is still anticipated to be in the near future. Another phone Audit Update is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$18,665.78 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel stated that one bid for the tree removal on the Courthouse lawn has been received. He is anticipating that 3 more will be obtained by the next Full Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024. During the time of the tree removal, tilling the Courthouse lawn has been considered with a fee of approximately \$1,000.00.

Next, the window replacement in the Courthouse and the Public Service Building will be discussed at the Building & Historical Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:45 P.M.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Due to the absence of Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour, Committee Member Tracy Murray conveyed the Law Enforcement Committee's Report.

Approval of Bills: \$75,192.31 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Member Tracy Murray continued by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his report. Sheriff Cripps relayed that there were 4,813 meals served during the month with an average cost of \$2.30 per meal. There are 49 inmates which includes 29 Federal inmates and 1 Juvenile. He continued by stating that there were no issues during the day of the eclipse, but issues did occur the day before. The Command Center from the State on the West side of Salem operated very well with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. For example, their weather updates facilitated the evacuation of the campers at Forbes State Park during the rain and hail storm.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps addressed the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Marion on Behalf of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. He is requesting the Marion County Board's approval of this service. Tracy Murray made a motion to approve an increase of the deputy count to help Marion County Sheriff Cripps while a deputy is working with DCFS with the costs being reimbursed by the State and seconded by Jack Riley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner stated that he has issues regarding the State cutting their Budget of this service in 4 years. Sheriff Cripps stated that he had considered that when specifically requesting a 4-year term. He will have 3-4 deputies retiring at approximately that time to cover expenses if necessary, but he does not anticipate the State eliminating this program. Mr. Waggoner had concerns with Marion County paying the Deputy's salary if the State cancels the agreement. Sheriff Cripps emphasized that he would be financially responsible if this would be the case. Mr. Waggoner continued voicing his concerns with hiring an additional officer. Brock Waggoner made a motion to table the Intergovernmental Agreement with no seconded. Motion rejected. Chairwoman Debbie Smith made a decision to advance with the meeting. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Director was absent, so a report was not given. Sheriff Cripps spoke briefly and commended ESDA for their assistance during the time of the Solar Eclipse.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Due to Committee Chairman Bill Henson being absent, Committee Member Judith Meeks-Hakim presented the County & Community Report.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Approval of Bills: \$13,796.99 Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – 0 nay. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer presented his monthly report. He stated that he picked up 9 dogs and destroyed 2 raccoons, He handled 2 cat bites. In addition, he returned 8-9 dogs to their original homes. Mr. Ferguson stated that he is still having issues with villages and their concerns with him not picking up their animals. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that a letter will be sent out to the communities with an explanation that Mr. Ferguson is not responsible for the animals in their area.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he had nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$238,352.62 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer requested approval of two Resolutions. An explanation of each was given and questions were answered.

Resolution 2024-13: County 2024 MFT Bituminous Bid Approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-13 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-14: Township 2024 MFT (01-17) Bituminous Bid Approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. McCormick continued by presenting an update with regards to the Marion County Highway Department. The Green Street Road and Odin Road Safety Project is to begin on April 23, 2024. The Skillet Fork Bridge is still in need of repairs, but remains open at this time. Mr. McCormick stated that additional signage has been placed in that area to catch people's attention for the penalties if restrictions are not followed. Spraying, ditching, and filling pot holes have been started. Mowing and oiling road projects will begin in the near future.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore no report was given. Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that 911/ESDA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The subject addressed at that meeting was bringing on Rick Stewart, The Stewart Law Firm, PC for Marion County's legal counsel. He conveyed that Mr. Stewart is very familiar with Marion County in that he has worked with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for many

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee – Continued:

4-9-24

Full Board Meeting

Minutes

Kevin Cripps - Sheriff

~~John Ferguson~~

~~Clark~~

Dennis Rosenberger, Salem Times Columnar

Mike McCormick, Marion County Highway Dept.

Bill Smith

Bruce Krupp, WJBI

John

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 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 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, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guest: Bill Smith, Dennis Rosenberger, Salem Times Commoner Editor, Bruce Kropp, WJBD, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Cody Rose, and Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated April 9, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent, therefore State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the letter from Patoka Fire Protection District Secretary, Zeb Jolliff. Motion to reappoint Lane Briscoe as a Trustee for the Patoka Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2027 was made by Tracy Murray and seconded by Bill Henson. Prior to Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner had questions with regard to taxes in that district. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this is not a Marion County Board issue. Voice Vote: 14 ayes – 1 Nays (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the same letter requesting confirmation of Jeremy Landreth as a Trustee of said Board from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2025 and Zeb Jolliff as a Trustee of said Board from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2026. This information was confirmed by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary after she had previously reviewed the prior reappointments for these men.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by making a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 3, 2024 and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2024 and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued with a discussion with respect to the Finance & Insurance Meeting conducted Monday, April 22, 2024. He explained that the main topic of the meeting was the salaries for the Marion County Supervisor of Assessment, the Marion County Circuit Clerk, and the Marion County Coroner. He relayed that after a detailed debate, the Committee agreed on the amounts for the FY 2025 \$71,200.00, FY 2026 \$75,200.00, FY 2027 \$80,200.00, and FY 2028 \$85,200.00 for the Supervisor of Assessments and Circuit Clerk to present to the Full Board Members for their approval. The Coroner's salary agreement was for FY 2025 \$30,000.00, FY 2026 \$30,000.00, FY 2027 \$31,000.00, and FY 2028 \$32,000.00 pending Board approval. In addition, the salaries for the Marion County Clerk and the Marion County Treasurer will be the same as the Supervisor of Assessments and the Circuit Clerk for the years listed. Contributions from each Office Holder to the County were considered in making the final decision. Mr. Krupp described how the Supervisor of Assessment has agreed to pay his raises out of the GIS Fund which will cover the total amount of \$18,000.00 for the next 4 years. He explained that the GIS Funds are not from real estate taxes and that the State reimburses the County 50% of his salary. In addition, Mr. Miller donated his time and labor for the remodel of the Marion County Conference Room in the Courthouse, and saving the County \$92,000.00. Mrs. Schicker has also donated her time with requesting and receiving grants to help with providing the County with up to date equipment and other benefits. Various questions were addressed prior to a motion being made. County Board Member Brock Waggoner commented on the percentage of the increase in pay and concerns of the outstanding Audit. Committee Member Bill Henson questioned if there would be any repercussions with the emergency siren projects. All were attended to. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-15: Determining the Compensation of Various Marion County Elected Officials was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Committee Member Tracy Murray questioned if this was in the Budget for this year, but this item is to begin in FY 2025 and will be addressed at that time. Mr. Waggoner inquired how the determination in the Coroner's salary was made. His main concern was the difference between the percentage increase in the salaries. Committee Members relayed that it is a part time position with 4 Deputies and a Secretary. Additionally, Mr. Krupp relayed that no one showed interest in lobbying for an amount. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Deborah Reed, and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

A conversation regarding hiring a Financial Person for Marion County transpired. Committee Member Creighton Engel suggested collecting detailed information in regards to this person's responsibilities. The position is not full time, but will be contracted. Brock Waggoner voiced his opinion with regards to hiring this person. Mr. Krupp conveyed that this matter is still under consideration and will be addressed at a future meeting.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

In conclusion, the FY 2021 Draft Audit should be completed by the end of this week. The next WIPFLI phone update is scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024. Once received, a copy of the FY 2021 Audit will be emailed to each Full Board Member by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CREIGHTON ENGEL

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel began by addressing the bids for the tree removal on the Courthouse lawn. Two closed bids were obtained after reaching out to additional businesses. The bid from Burr's Tree Service in Sandoval was revealed with a proposal of \$5,250.00. Next the bid from Top Notch Tree Service in Salem was shared in the amount of \$3,380.00. Each offer included tree and stump removal with clean up. Creighton Engel made a motion to accept the bid from Top Notch Tree Service for the amount of \$3,380.00 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Steven Whritenour asked if the tree is being replaced. Dr. Engel continued by explaining the future plans for the Courthouse lawn. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2024 and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing with the subject of the window replacement in the Courthouse and the Public Service Building, Dr. Engel allowed Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith to address this matter. Mrs. Smith conveyed that Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, is collecting bids. This will also be published for proposals in the future. The possibility of financing this restoration project may be considered, but it may also be tabled until next fiscal year.

Lastly, the bid from Shores Builders Construction to upgrade the Main Courtroom to meet ADA Standards was thoroughly discussed. The priority of the re-work of the witness stand/jury box and wheel chair access was relayed by Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker. Several Full Board Members concurred. The \$6,145.00 proposal was intensely debated with questions from Board Members Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry addressed. Motion to approve the \$6,145.00 bid for the re-work of the witness stand/jury box and wheel chair access in the Main Courtroom, with ½ of the payment being made from the Building & Historical Funds and the remaining ½ from the CURES Fund was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that there was nothing new to report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that there was nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was nothing new to report. Full Board Member Jack Riley revealed that after a presentation from a previous guest that the Marion County Highway Department placed signs at each end of the Skillet Fork Bridge on Extension Route 161.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 26, 2024 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour continued by stating that the Site Visit of the Emergency Sirens Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 did not have a quorum. Committee Member Brock Waggoner questioned State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with reference to the requirements for meeting minutes when a quorum is not met. State's Attorney Mr. Hudspeth will follow up on a response to this question. Chairman Mr. Whritenour presented an explanation of what transpired on that date at the Dispatch Center of the Salem Police Department. The activation process of the sirens in Salem was demonstrated. The issue with not having the ability to activate all of Marion County sirens from one location was discussed. The sirens within the city of Centralia are on VHF frequency, while the remaining in Marion County are on UHF. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that a short term goal would be to place all of the alarm systems on the same frequency, and allowing one command center to activate all of the Marion County sirens. The cost would be \$3,800.00 per siren. The long term objective would be to determine who is in charge of the sirens countywide and replacement all of the tornado sirens in the future is being considered. In view of this, deliberation of a referendum was suggested at the Committee Meeting. Apprehension as a citizen were debated. It was emphasized that these are outdoor emergency alarms. Board Member Bill Henson questioned who gives the authorization for the dispatch center to prompt the alarms. Mr. Whritenour described that they receive a State LEADS message from the National Weather Service.

Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker disclosed that financial supplements may be available. For instance, FEMA and the Illinois Department of Emergency Management may have Congressional Directed Spending which may be obtainable. She was asked to provide more information at the next 911/ESDA Committee Meeting scheduled Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

In conclusion, Committee Member Brock Waggoner suggested that the number and the location of the sirens in Marion County be taken into consideration in the future also.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith made a motion to approve the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 3, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Adam Smith made a motion to approve the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 10, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Smith stated that Rick Stewart, The Stewart Law Firm, was hired as Legal Counsel for Marion County at the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

Lastly, he relayed that the Laborer's Union Contract for the Marion County Highway Department has been finalized.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED

Committee Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour acknowledged the passing of Greg Earle Current Centralia Fire Protection District Administrator and retired Fire Chief.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that there was nothing new to report.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting will be conducted in June, 2024.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that a meeting is scheduled Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith announced that she will be attending this meeting.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whitenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that there is nothing new to report.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that BCMw is having issues with their Audit that WIPFLI is conducting, but is nearing its completion. A new Executive Director, Jessica Backs has been hired and monthly meetings are being considered.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tracy Murray, Creighton Engel, Steven Bradley, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, advised the Marion County Board Members that she will be signing a new lease with GFI for the copiers in her Department. She stated that the current monthly fee is \$496.71, but will be reduced to \$463.97 for 2 copiers. The Lease Agreement will be good for 5 years, and she prefers to be under a lease agreement due to it including free toner and a service agreement. She wanted the Board to be aware of this matter due to having to sign the Lease Agreement.

Next, County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith acknowledged Shelby Zellers, Marion County 4-H Extension Program Coordinator. Ms. Zellers addressed the Board and introduced 3 Federation Club Members of the program that were present. They were Norah Cox, Hallie Borcharding, and Tommy Cox. Each representative was given an opportunity to speak with regards to their involvement in 4-H. At the conclusion of their presentations, they distributed Thank you cards to each member of the Marion County Board and thanked them for their support of the Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on April 23, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Voice Vote, Full Board Member Brock Waggoner expressed that the minutes were incorrect with regards to his view of hiring a financial person. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "So noted." Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¾%	\$78,175.84	\$74,589.19
1%	\$33,760.87	\$37,302.56

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that the items on the Agenda will be attended to out of order due the WIPFLI representatives appearing via ZOOM for the completed FY 2021 Audit presentation. Prior to their introduction, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp requested to address Resolution 2024-16: Establishing the Compensation of the Marion County Assessor as Director of GIS. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller responded to questions asked by Full Board Member Brock Waggoner regarding “the required additional payment as GIS Director versus his current duties as Assessor.” Approving Resolution 2024-16 will equalize all of the County Officials’ salaries. In addition, he gave details of his position as GIS Director which included him announcing that he will soon be overseeing a new website with a Company named Beacon. The pay will come out of the GIS Fund and not from any property tax monies. Full Board Member Adam Smith stated “as a realtor that Marion County has one of the best websites.” He commended Mr. Miller with respect to his involvement with the site. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-16: Establishing the Compensation of the Marion County Assessor as Director of GIS and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp continued with the subject of the completed FY 2021 Audit. Introduction of Josh Faivre, WIPFLI Senior Manager and Certified Public Accountant, and Hope Friday, WIPFLI Certified Public Accountant and Manager. WIPFLI is currently the Auditor for Marion County. The WIPFLI Representatives appeared remotely. A copy of the FY 2021 Audit was provided to each Full Board Member via email and a physical copy prior to this night’s meeting. Mr. Faivre’s slide presentation consisted of the Audit Recap (see attachment) of the completed FY 2021 Audit. He thoroughly addressed each page of the report and answered all questions. Overall the Auditor’s Reports were reported as clean “unmodified” opinion with the exception of a couple of segregation of duties. This was the ultimate goal. Full Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned these results. Mr. Faivre explained the process of attaining the results of the clean “unmodified” opinions and how to resolve the issues with the segregation of duties. In addition, Mr. Faivre stated that it was not uncommon for small governmental units to have internal control issues. He explained that the ones found with payroll and the ones in the Circuit Clerk’s office can be easily resolved. He has agreed to work with the County to obtain proper controls.

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Furthermore, Mr. Waggoner questioned the ARPA Funds and if there is a requirement for itemized receipts, for example from Amerseco, the main company that Marion County worked with for several expenditures. Mr. Faivre announced that only the COVID pay from the ARPA Funds was handled with during the FY 2021 audit. He did continue to address Mr. Waggoner's comment with regards to the detailed itemized invoices by stating that they "should be itemized to an extent, showing specific things that you are paying for." Discrepancies with respect to Ameresco's billing process were noted by Board Member Mr. Waggoner, therefore, Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that this issue will be addressed at a meeting in the future due to this being an audit presentation.

Next, Josh Faivre addressed the Changes in General Fund – Current Year to Prior Year. Examples of the changes were discussed; the Intergovernmental Revenue was due to the decrease in prisoner income, and the Judiciary and Courts increasing because of the Gasb 84 Implementations. Additionally, corrections were made from reports that they received.

Continuing with the topic of the changes in Governmental Funds – Current Year to Prior Year transpired. A significant increase of the Governmental Revenue was mentioned, and due to the second half of cash payments from the ARPA Funds.

Lastly, the Revenue and Expenses were demonstrated by percentages and discussed; along with the Assessed Valuation by Levy Years 2017 through 2020 and Real Estate Tax Rates for the same years.

Board Member Brock Waggoner acknowledged that members of the public were present. He conveyed his concerns to the length of time that Marion County took to complete the FY 2021 Audit; as well as acquiring a document with information of how to prevent any previous issues from happening with future audits. Mr. Faivre reported that at the end of the Audit that there is a Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings. This page will contain any business advice comments for any Segregation of Duties that are not considered to be significant findings for the Audit, but are ways to improve. He reiterated that he is available to answer any other questions or concerns for the Board.

Full Board Member Steven Whritenour inquired if Mr. Faivre felt that it was necessary for Marion County, considering its size, to hire a County Financial Person. His response included that out of the 16 counties that WIPFli deals with only one has a Finance Director, and it is not feasible for Marion County at this time. He advised examination the people that are already involved with the County to see if there is a need for more supervision of the accounting information to help prevent and detect any variabilities when dealing with the County's accounting and financial reporting prior to hiring a new Financial Director. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that the need may be already happening. He expressed that due to the delays with the Audits, grants for Marion County have been hindered. Mr. Waggoner "challenged" Mr. Faive's response.

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp communicated his gratitude to Josh Faivre and Hope Friday for their presentation.

Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that there were issues with the accounting software conversion and the figures not conforming with one another that were causing issues with not getting the Audit completed in a timely manner. Mrs. Smith continued by stating that it was no fault of the Marion County Board or any of the Marion County Office Holders. In addition, she relayed that Marion County's previous auditor quit without efficient notice and expressed the difficulties of finding a

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qualified and certified accountant. During this time, WIPFLI was contacted and accepted to work with Marion County. Board Member Brock Waggoner criticized Mrs. Smith's comments by stating "these steps taken to get here, you left out several of those steps." He continued that "at the end of the day it's irresponsible and devious of you to not inform the public correctly of what has actually happened and trying to hide the truth." Mrs. Smith responded, "I'm sorry, that's not me. I'm not going to address that, because I don't lie."

Guest Josh Dunahee persistently questioned Mrs. Smith with regards to the number of auditors in the State of Illinois. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith responded that she was not aware of the number. She proceeded with an explanation of contacting 10-12 auditors that are qualified to work with the County, and that none of them would accept. WIPFLI was the only one to take on the responsibilities. Mr. Dunahee moved forward with a question regarding the amount of money lost from grants due to the Audits not being completed. Mr. Waggoner stated that an amount is not known due to Marion County being on the "Stop Pay List." Committee Chairman Mr. Krupp emphasized that WIPFLI is in contact with the State of Illinois and that the State is aware that Marion County is in the process of rectifying these issues.

WIPFLI has completed the FY 2021 Audit and will be starting on the FY 2022 Audit very soon and have it completed within the next couple of months. Furthermore, the FY 2023 Audit will be addressed and completed before the end of Marion County's fiscal year on November 30, 2024.

Continuing with the Finance & Insurance Committee's old business report, Mr. Krupp stated that the hiring of the County Finance Person is being examined. WIPFLI is in the process of working with the County with regards to designing procedure/accounting manuals which may eliminate the necessity to hire an additional person to help identify any deficiencies that the County may have. In addition, Board Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that WIPFLI is working with County Elected Officials and creating manuals to help streamline their procedures in their offices. The costs for this process is being explored.

Next, a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting dated April 22, 2024 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$148,542.62 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills was seconded by Adam Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if the amount included the Glass Doctor bill, and it did. Christopher Krupp questioned the manual check to Shores Builders. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox responded that it was for counter tops for his 2 offices and was not paid from the General Fund, but from his recording fund account. The Glass Doctor bill was also paid with this special fund account. He welcomed everyone to come by and see them. All of the offices in the Courthouse are now secured. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$36,568.95 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$731,605.65 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Steven Whritenour commented that the

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

amount was a little higher than usual. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, the New Business items were addressed. Mr. Krupp conveyed that the subject of Chaney & Karch Insurance and the increase or decrease in coverage costs for the Jail, Public Service Building, and Courthouse will be discussed at a Combined Finance & Insurance Committee and Building & Historical Committee Meeting next week. Consideration of coverage for the Marion County Highway Department buildings will be debated also.

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 \$1,628.00. Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-17 through 2024-20 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

This would only cover the 12 sirens that Marion County is responsible for. Motion to approve the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Increase Limit to \$55,000.00 for each siren with an annual premium increase of \$1,467.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: all ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Due to Committee Chairman Creighton Engel being absent, Committee Member Deborah Reed presented the Building & Historical Committee Report.

Approval of Bills: \$47,503.12 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Adam Smith. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Full Board Member Jack Riley questioned what they are for. A report was included in each of the Full Board Member's packet that was emailed to them prior to the meeting and Mrs. Reed had all of the monthly invoices with her. Board Member Brock Waggoner relayed concerns with Full Board Members not having the ability to see the individual invoices and not having Committee Meetings. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this would be addressed at a later date. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Jack Riley). Motion passed.

In conclusion, other than State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth stating that the renovation has not started, the ADA Remodel in the Courtroom was not available.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$86,234.70 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps was absent; therefore, no report was given with regards to his department.

The subject of CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control was addressed during the 911/ESDA Committee's report later in the Meeting.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator thanked the Board for their thoughts and prayers after the passing of her mother. Mrs. Barter continued by relaying that Braniff Communications conducted

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

inspections on the Marion County Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens. She reported that out of 24 sirens only 4 are currently not working at this time, 1 in Salem, 2 in Centralia, and 1 in Alma. The one in Alma has been turned over to the insurance company. Braniff is waiting on parts for the others in Salem and Centralia. Board Member posed a question with respect to reports on the sirens. Mrs. Barter stated that she does have a full report with a breakdown of each siren. She described the process of Braniff's rectification of a siren in Centralia that GTIS had repaired with a "lamp cord" as a jumper wire. In addition, Braniff was able to put 2 non-working Salem sirens in working order during their inspections. She also acknowledged that when she was out, the ESDA crewmembers assisted with storm damage and with the Sheriff's Department on a few wrecks during the month. They also provided service at the Coon Hunters Hunt this month.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$7,110.09 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Prior to Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer presenting his monthly report, he commended the 4-H Members. He proceeded by stating that he picked up 8 dogs during the month, but 13 was indicated in his report. He apologized for the error. Board Member Brock Waggoner interjected by stating that he had received several questions regarding County employees using the County vehicles for personal usage, and in addition, concerns of the amount of dogs being picked up and the expenditures being paid out. Mr. Ferguson stated that he uses his truck every day. Committee Chairman Bill Henson emphasized that Mr. Ferguson is on call 24/7 and that the expectation is that he responds to all calls. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that he is in compliance. Mr. Henson continued to enforce that Mr. Ferguson is adequately performing his duties as required by the Board. Referring to the bills, Mr. Henson brought attention to several animals needing medical care. Mr. Henson commended Mr. Ferguson for his services. Mr. Waggoner additionally commented that as a member of the County & Community Committee he was not well informed of information with regards to Animal Control and a job description for the Animal Control Administrator. Mr. Ferguson stated that he receives calls from the Sheriff's Office and calls directly to his cell phone. Mr. Waggoner requested that records of all calls be reported. After being told that this subject would be discussed at another meeting since it was not on the Agenda, Mr. Waggoner continued to interrupt. Committee Chairman Bill Henson announced that a County & Community Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Next, Mr. Henson made a Motion to go into Closed Session – Opioid Litigation and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 7:46 P.M.

Bill Henson made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 8:04 P.M.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he had nothing new to report. Prior to moving to the next Committee's report, State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth questioned a time or date that contact from American Publishing Legal will occur. Mr. Waggoner's responded that it was just brought to his attention that a questionnaire was received and returned without his knowledge. In addition, he explained that due to his "personnel schedule" that he had been unable to follow through with the codification process. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith elaborated that the questionnaire was received by the Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder, and she and Steve Fox, the Marion County Clerk and Clerk of the Marion County Board completed and returned it to American Legal Publishing.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Due to Committee Chairman Steven Bradley being absent, Committee Member Bill Henson presented the Road & Bridge Committee Report.

Approval of Bills: \$247,915.32 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

A written report (see attachment) from Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer was included in each Board Member's Packet prior to the meeting.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that he will be meeting with Mr. McCormick on May 16, 2024 to discuss insurance coverage on a few of the Highway Department buildings. After their conversation, Mr. Krupp will schedule a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting. He mentioned this subject to the Full Board for informational purposes. Board Member David Iossi questioned if there were any issues with the insurance on the buildings. Mr. Krupp relayed that there were no issues; that the question from Chaney & Karch Insurance is the type of coverage that is needed for these buildings.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated April 23, 2024 and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour proceeded with a brief discussion with respect to the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting held prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He conveyed that the key issue of the unification of the activation between the Salem and Centralia Emergency Outdoor Sirens was discussed. Mr. Whritenour had a conversation with GTSI, the vendor for the 911 Centers in Salem and Centralia. This company presented a up to \$500.00 estimate to unify the communications. The Committee has voted to bring this matter before the Full Board on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 for approval. In addition, the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control was talked over during the Committee Meeting. Mr. Whritenour relayed that Braniff Communications will be attending the next Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. to further discuss this service that they offer. He conveyed that Braniff had repaired and restored activation to 2 sirens in Salem during their recent inspections of the sirens in Marion County.

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Full Board Meeting

Guests

Steve Dink
Genea Brude - MCCSB - Probation
Bill Smith
John M. [unclear]
[unclear]
Paula Rouse
Mike & Eliza [unclear]
Wayne S. Walker
Randy Herpen
Karl Dunham
Kayma Dunham
Mabel Douglas
Sheri Butler Marion County ESA Corp.
Jenny G. Marion County 4-H
Hallie Borcharding
Narah Cox
Shelby Zellers
Bruce Kropp
Dennis Rosenberger
Janet Carter - Queen

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May 8, 2024

Marion County Board
Highway Dept Project Update

Honorable Board Members,

The Green Street Road/Odin Road is scheduled to begin on May 20th. (weather pending). Green Street Road will not be closed during the project, but the department encourages those that travel Green Street Road to take extra precautions if traveling through the project. It is anticipated that the number of accidents will increase if not paying attention to traffic control or distracted driving.

Kline Road Bride project was let at the end of April. C-Hill Civil Contractors was the apparent low bidder at \$670,000.00. The project has not been scheduled for construction. A July/August start date is expected.

Range Road Bridge design is finishing up. Still hopeful for a Fall letting.

Racetrack Road Bridge design is finishing up. Hopeful for a Spring 2025 letting

Medlin Road Bridge is under design.

There are a number of RR crossing projects coming up. These include Curry Road, Basom Road, Laughman Road, West Line Road, Williams Road, Edgar Road, and Dusty Road. The department received word that the ICC is considering a project at Gessel Road (UPRR) just East of the Log Cabin Village.

The Highway Department is getting roads ready for oiling, which starts June 5th. All County oiling dates are on Wednesdays through the season.

Thank You,



Michael McCormick, P.E.
Marion County

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Christopher Krupp, County Board Member, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag due to Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman and Creighton Engel, Marion County Vice Chairman being absent.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ben Stratemeyer, Marion County South Central Illinois Mass Transit District Representative, presented a brief description and update of the Agency's services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated May 14, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Member Christopher Krupp recited the letter from South Central Illinois Mass Transit District. Motion to reappoint Ben Stratemeyer for an additional term for the position on Board of Directors of South Central Illinois Mass Transit District was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that a Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday May 22, 2024. He conveyed that an insurance audit was recently conducted and the Agency's concerns were discussed. The issues with coverage for the Marion County Courthouse, the Marion County Jail, the Public Service

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Building, and the Marion County Highway Department buildings were debated. Additional details are needed from Chaney & Karch Insurance and will be addressed at a future Committee Meeting; then be relayed to the Full Board.

Next, the FY 2022 Audit is progressing. The last two weekly discussions with WIPFLI have been cancelled, but one is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024. A report of the progress of the FY 2022 Audit will be presented at the Full Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Lastly, a thorough discussion with regards to the Federal Pacific Electrical Boxes in the Marion County Courthouse transpired. The panels are not presently covered by insurance companies due to the fire risks. Sheriff Kevin Cripps received an estimate of \$9,350.00 from TOP Electric and Lighting for the replacement of 5 electrical panels which were concerns during the insurance audit. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that in his opinion this is considered to be an emergency situation. Board Member Steven Bradley questioned a portion of the estimate referencing the charges while court is not in session. Sheriff Cripps provided clarification. Full Board Members Steven Whritenour and Tracy Murray challenged why this was not addressed by Ameresco. Board Member David Iossi mentioned that labeling in these panels is needed also. Marion County Circuit Clerk conveyed that an additional Federal Pacific Electrical Box is in the Moose Building. Mr. Krupp stated that he will confirm this information and follow through if it is an issue.

Full Board Member Brock Waggoner requested information with regards to if any other bids were sought. Sheriff Cripps' response was that "TOP Electric has done a large majority of electricity work, other than Ameresco." He continued by stating that he did not want 2 or 3 different companies working on various electrical issues. Mr. Waggoner voiced his opposition. Full Board Member and Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel supported Sheriff Cripps' decision of utilizing one company. Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Murray inquired what the insurance company's intentions would be if the replacement of the panels was delayed. Multiple Board Members were in agreement that this an essential matter and needs to be rectified as soon as possible. Mr. Krupp explained that this audit was not in relationship to a renewal of the policy. Mr. Waggoner continued to express his desire for multiple bids. Mr. Krupp will obtain clarification of the electrical panel in the Moose Building. Motion to approve the TOP Electric and Lighting bid for the replacement of 5 Federal Pacific Electrical Boxes for the amount of \$9,350.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 4 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Steven Whritenour, and David Iossi). Motion passed.

Marion County Vice Chairman Creighton Engel covered the remaining items on the Full Board Meeting Agenda.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel stated that no bids have been submitted for the window replacement at the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building. Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary, conveyed that the bid advertisement was published in the Tuesday, May 21, 2024 edition of the Centralia Morning Sentinel.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Next, an update from Shores Builders Construction with regards to the ADA renovation of the Main Courtroom was not available.

In conclusion, Building & Historical Committee Member David Iossi reported that Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker had a grant approved for signage at the Marion County Courthouse. Coverage for the fabrication and installation of the sign is included in the grant monies; not any electrical costs. A picture of the sign, which is 6-foot-tall from the bottom of the sign to the ground, was circulated among the Full Board Members. Dr. Engel explained that the West side of the Courthouse already has a power supply available. Program training for an individual is included and that person will be assigned by Sheriff Kevin Cripps. Committee Member Christopher Krupp and Sheriff Cripps voiced their concerns with the location and size of the sign. In addition, questions were asked by Board Member Brock Waggoner regarding drawings of the proposed location, the specifications, and who is in charge of the sign's maintenance. Dr. Engel clarified that Sheriff Cripps will be the supervisor, and he may assign an individual for any maintenance of the sign. He continued to explain that Committee Member David Iossi was previously given authority to gather the information for the signage and has a copy of the particulars. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that his main concern is its location. Mr. Waggoner questioned the information to be displayed on the sign, but it was defined to only be Marion County and Courthouse related.

Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker answered questions from Board Member Sharon Woodward with regards to the signage at the Public Service Building and the Law Enforcement Center. Mrs. Schicker explained that the grants for the signs were not approved at this time, ~~but that they will be addressed in the future.~~ *See attachment for amendment.*

A Building & Historical Committee Meeting to discuss the Marion County Courthouse signage was scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:15 P.M.

Prior to the Law Enforcement Committee's report, Dr. Engel commended Adam Smith, Dave Daniels, and Tiffany Schicker for their rapid response to the uprooted apple tree on the Courthouse lawn after the storms that passed through the area. The tree was positioned upright and staked and seems to be thriving at this time. Board Member Tracy Murray mentioned that he had been contacted by someone with concerns regarding the damaged flags at the Courthouse. Adam Smith responded that Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, had already removed them from the poles and had ordered replacements.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members. Sheriff Cripps introduced newly hired Marion County Deputy, Isaak Hays. Furthermore, he stated that an additional Deputy has been hired and will be introducing him at the next Full Board Meeting. One position remains available and will be filled in the future.

Next, Sheriff Cripps conveyed that there were issues with the power at the Jail during the storm. Electrical rewiring and placing all components on the battery backup and generator is currently occurring. Focus is on the telephone communications that has been an issue during the past years. He continued by stating that the computers and Axon equipment are primarily working properly. A few complications with the in car cameras are being addressed.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Sherri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator conveyed that her Department contributed approximately 60 hours of their services to issues with storm related damages in the area. Board Member David Iossi had questions regarding the few sirens that are still non-operational. Mrs. Barter stated that quotes for the 2 Centralia sirens are pending.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss the item of the Marion County Animal Control. The Agenda will include the Animal Control Officer's job description, Centralia Animal Shelter's Contract with the County, vaccination questions, and County animal bite issues. Mr. Henson clarified and emphasized that Marion County Animal Control Officer Ken Ferguson does record all calls for liability and accountability purposes.

A decision was made to schedule a County & Community Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Prior to addressing the Sub-Committee Codification, Board Member Tracy Murray relayed that a lady in Patoka contacted him with a dog bite issue that occurred within the city limits of Patoka. She stated that Mr. Ferguson was notified and declined his services due to it being inside a municipality. In addition, she spoke with someone at the Marion County Sheriff's Office and was informed that they are unable to assist with this issue. Sheriff Cripps verified that all animal bite cases have to be reported to the Animal Control Officer and handled either by Mr. Ferguson or the Village. Mr. Henson stated that these questions and a resolution will be further discussed at the scheduled Committee Meeting. Board Member Brock Waggoner disclosed that a protocol exists within the State's Statute regarding the Animal Control Officer's duties. Additionally, he communicated that the County is liable in certain situations.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that by the next Full Board Meeting he will have more information and reports from American Legal Publishing to convey to the Board Members.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour requested a Motion for Approval of the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 14, 2024. David Iossi made the Motion and Judith Meeks-Hakim seconded it. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour stated that a Committee Meeting was held prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. The Braniff Communications' presentation was postponed until the next Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. He conveyed that a discussion transpired regarding the emergency sirens that were previously repaired by Braniff during their last inspection. The appropriate operation of the siren at the tennis courts in Salem was credited in preventing injury to individuals in a

911/ESDA Committee – Continued:

mobile home. A tree fell directly through the roof of the home after they evacuated. It was also verified that an additional siren that was previously inoperable at the Marion County Fairgrounds is now functioning as it should.

Lastly, Mr. Whritenour reiterated that the activation of entire Marion County Outdoor Emergency Siren System is a “hodge podge.” A discussion with regards to Centralia’s capability to activate only 4 sirens in that area and Salem’s availability to the others in Marion County transpired at the last Committee Meeting. The Sandoval siren is on its own system and is activated by the National Weather Service. An offer to upgrade the software from GTSI was debated at the previous Committee Meeting also. The upgrade would allow all sirens to be activated from one location. The approximate cost for this service is \$500.00. A decision was made by the Committee Members to bring this before the Full Board. David Iossi made a Motion to approve the synchronize upgrade of all Marion County Outdoor Emergency Sirens, not to exceed \$500.00 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED

Broadband Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder stated that she has been receiving reports.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Due to the absence of Liquor Committee Chairwoman there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that he received an email with regards to a feasibility study being conducted which is examining the Marion County 911 Dispatching Centers. Consolidation of the 3 Centers in Marion County is one of the items being taken into consideration.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the KC Workshop.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting will be conducted in June 3, 2024.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell and Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith were absent therefore there was nothing new to report.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whitenour attended the last meeting and stated that there was nothing new to report.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that there is a meeting next month.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that the last meeting was cancelled.

Time Adjourned: 7:24 P.M.

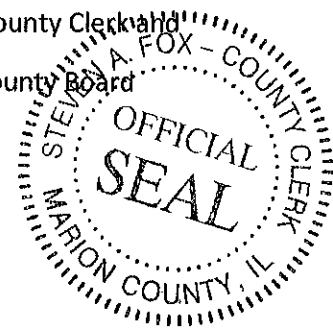
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 6/11/24

Steve Fox

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



Fwd: Minutes amendment

Debbie Smith <dsmith@marionco.illinois.gov>

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Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 3:03 PM

To: Debbie Smith <dsmith@marionco.illinois.gov>

Subject: Minutes amendment

Good afternoon, Debbie:

Could I kindly request a small amendment to the Minutes on the 3rd page at the end of the 3rd paragraph. I did explain to Commissioner Woodward that the additional signs were not approved, but I did *not* state that they will be addressed in the future. Someone else may have, but that statement did not come from me. I just wanted to ask for that small change in that I don't have the authority over either of those buildings to correct/address the signage.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Tiffany Schicker

Clerk of the Circuit Court

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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Marion 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

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Butch Mathis, City of Wamac Mayor, addressed the Board with Marion County Animal Control concerns. He conveyed that the city had experienced an issue with a loose dog. He stated that in the past animals could be taken to the City of Centralia Animal Shelter, but had been turned away this time. Mr. Mathis dealt with this matter himself due to the shelter only taking in animals from Marion County's unincorporated areas. He emphasized that a resolution to any future situations with incorporated areas is essential. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that the County & Community Committee had a meeting prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening and is diligently striving to find a solution to this matter in question.

Subsequently, Betty Brumfield, City of Patoka Mayor, stated that an issue with a dog bite incident had recently occurred in her city. She voiced that the Animal Control Officer did not appropriately address the situation. Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Officer conveyed that the animal was being home quarantined.

Chairwoman Mrs. Smith reiterated that the County & Community Committee is currently addressing these concerns. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Next, Attorney Jennifer Price addressed the Full Board with her concerns relating to the proposed signage at the Marion County Courthouse. She conveyed in her opinion that the distraction from the historical building, the costs of the sign, and its purpose are serious issues and need to be taken into consideration. With the permission of the Board, she read an email from Former Judge David Sauer that expressed his dissatisfaction with regards to the signage. Ms. Price also stated that Attorney Curt Lackey

had intended on attending the Full Board Meeting and got his dates confused, so he gave her authority to voice his concerns and opinions which are the same as hers.

Proceeding with topic of the sign, Attorney Eric Terlizzi and Judge Mark Stedelin voiced their displeasures.

Board Chairwoman Mrs. Smith thanked them all for coming before the Board and making their objections known. Board Member Creighton Engel concurred. In addition, Board Member Sharon Woodward shared her unfavorable thoughts. Mrs. Smith verified that this subject matter will be discussed and decided upon later during this meeting.

Lastly, Josh Dunahee spoke with regards to a Marion County Concerned Tax Payers Facebook post that was issued via email to the Full Board Members and Elected Officials on June 7, 2024. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith presented an explanation of where the email derived from and that she authorized the item to be shared. Mr. Dunahee expressed that he felt Government equipment was used to obtain the information. Mrs. Smith verified that it was placed on the Marion County Board Secretary's desk in her office sometime during that morning, and the County's computer was only used to forward the email to the County Board and the County Elected Officials. It was inadvertently attached to the County & Community Committee Agenda, but was intended to be attached to the Full Board Packet for informational purposes only. Mr. Dunahee questioned how the data from the email was going to be addressed. Mrs. Smith communicated that as of Saturday, June 8, 2024 the Meeting Minutes and the audio of the WIPFLI remote presentation from the Full Board Meeting conducted on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 along with the FY 2021 Audit and additional information from WIPFLI, the Auditor was shared on the County Website. She welcomed everyone to research this information and then if they have any questions bring them to a Full Board Meeting to be addressed. Additionally, she announced that the FY 2022 Audit is anticipated to be completed by the end of July, 2024 and the FY 2023 Audit soon after. Board member Brock Waggoner expressed remarks in regards to how the email was obtained and its intentions. Mrs. Smith allowed Lori Linder, Board Secretary to explain how it came into her hands. Mrs. Linder revealed that it was placed on her desk on the morning of Friday, June 7, 2024 when she was not present. Mr. Waggoner did not agree with Mrs. Smith regarding access to the Secretary's desk and how government property was utilized. Mrs. Smith stated that the meeting needed to proceed and Mr. Waggoner and guest Josh Dunahee continued to interject. Guest Matt Huelskoetter requested that an investigation be conducted and give a public report of how the Facebook post was obtained, what County resources were used, and the reason behind sending it out. He suggested 3 individuals to oversee the investigation; Marion County Board Members Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, and Steven Whritenour. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith was denied in selecting her own people. The investigation was authorized and a report will be released as soon as it is completed. Mr. Waggoner continued to voice his opinion as Mrs. Smith attempted to gavel the Meeting to order. She requested a Motion to Continue. Sharon Woodward made the motion to proceed with the meeting and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: 13 ayes - 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Matt Huelskoetter provided his name and contact information to the County Board Secretary, Lori Linder. The investigation results will be forwarded to him as soon as they are completed.

The Full Board Meeting continued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on May 28, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that Marion County Circuit Clerk had an amendment to her comments regarding the signage at the Courthouse. A copy of her email was provided in the Full Board Meeting Packet prior to tonight's meeting (see attachment). Mrs. Smith stated that will be added to the minutes. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$90,975.31	\$88,435.33
1%	\$34,490.92	\$45,466.36

Prior to continuing with the Standing Committee Reports, Board Member Brock Waggoner raised a point of order regarding the Facebook post discussed earlier in the meeting. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that the meeting had proceeded and requested that a Motion to continue with the meeting be made. Motion to continue made by Bill Henson and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Mr. Waggoner intervened as Mrs. Smith attempted to continue on with the Full Board Meeting. She stated that he was Out of Order. Mr. Waggoner then stated that he "will be Out of Order and will be leaving this Meeting." He persisted to make comments as she spoke which included accusing her of attacking the Tax Payers. She stressed that she has not, and she voiced two additional Out of Orders. He eventually left the Board Room. Mrs. Smith apologized to the Board Members and Guests. Then she reiterated that their questions are being addressed and an investigation will take place with the results communicated.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated May 22, 2024 and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$153,465.02 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills, but was not seconded. Marion County Board Member Adam Smith questioned if the amount included the signage for the Marion County Courthouse, and it did. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that it would be pulled

and should not have been issued until approval from the Board. David Iossi made a motion to approve the new total amount of \$109,018.70 and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed. Immediately after the Roll Call Vote, guest Josh Dunahee questioned the issue with the check for the signage. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith attempted to shut down the questioning. She did reiterate that the check will not be issued at this time.

Insurance: \$35,848.97 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – 0 nay. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$966,206.17 The amount included the third pay period in the month of May. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-21: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-009-003-00 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$679.57 with remaining monies distributed according to law was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Prior with continuing with the Finance & Insurance Committee Report, guest Josh Dunahee remarked that the Parcel Number is invalid. He stated that during the last meeting

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

2 of the Parcel Numbers were invalid also. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested to table this matter until clarification is made. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to Amend the Motion and table Resolution 2024-21 for clarification of the Parcel Number and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Resolution 2024-21 was tabled until the Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Next, Mr. Krupp conveyed that the subject of Chaney & Karch Insurance and the Replacement Costs for coverage for the Jail, Public Service Building, and Highway Department Building will be further discussed in the near future. A Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting will be scheduled in July, 2024 to address this matter and the Health Insurance for the County also.

In addition, the subject of the Federal Pacific Electrical Boxes was discussed. Mr. Krupp stated that the electrical panels in the Courthouse will be replaced by TOPS Electric on June 19, 2024, when the Courthouse is closed for the Juneteenth Holiday. A brief discussion with respect to the Insurance Audit and the findings transpired. A copy of an email from Gene Mackey, Ameresco Director, was distributed to the Board Members (see attachment) and considered. More information is needed in regards to the Electrical Panels in the Moose Building.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Mr. Krupp presented an update on the FY 2022 Audit. WIPFLI is striving to have the process completed by the end of July, 2024. Additionally, he conveyed that they are pursuing results for the Marion County Circuit Clerk Audit and the Commissary Audit for the Marion County Sheriff's Office has been finalized. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator questioned if after the completion of the FY 2022 Audit, if Marion County will be taken off of the No Pay List. Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that WIPFLI is working with the State with regards to this matter.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$36,678.58 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Creighton Engel made a motion to have TOPS Electric evaluate and propose a bid for the electrical box in the Moose Building during the time that they are replacing the Courthouse panels and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 3 nays (Tracy Murray, Tyson McHenry, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel opened the only sealed bid received for the window replacement in the Courthouse and the Public Service Building. The bid was from Gardner/L & M Glass in Taylorville, Illinois and included 3 bids for 3 areas. Bid #1 was \$353,277.00 and included the removal and replacement of the existing windows. Bid #2 in the amount of \$9,600.00 was for the window in the stairwell. Bid #3 included the removal and replacement of the North, South, and West entrance window doors in the amount of \$40,875.00. Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented a background explanation of the urgency for the replacement of the windows in Courtroom 302. Due to high winds and heavy rain the temporary repairs that have been done is in need of permanent renovations. Videos are available for confirmation with this issue. Dr. Engel stated that research for funding from Energy Grants, State and Federal Resources will transpire.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Motion to Table the bid from Gardner/L & M Glass was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

An update on the ADA renovation in the Courtroom was not available.

In conclusion, a Motion to Rescind the Signage and the Grant for the Signage was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to the Law Enforcement Committee Report, Josh Dunahee attempted to ask a question. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that the Full Board Meeting is in session, and any questions will be addressed after its adjournment.

Additionally, Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2024 and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$128,015.22 Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour verified that a new squad car was purchased and this was the cause of the monthly increase. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Sharon Woodward questioned an ESDA bill that was included in the packet. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator provided clarification. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps introduced newly hired Deputy Tyler Donoho. Deputy Donoho and Deputy Hays are the replacements for the officer that recently began working with DCFS and the officer that will soon be a School Resource Officer. Sheriff Cripps reported that the DCFS officer had made an arrest and assisted with a suicide attempt today.

He continued to report that the Sheriff's Office is presently dealing with ID Network issues, but is able to work through them.

Sheriff Cripps commended Marion County Jail Administrator Troy Reed. Mr. Reed was named the 2023 Illinois Jail Administrator of the Year by the Illinois Risk Management Law Enforcement Practice. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox emphasized that this is a distinguished award from a national insurance company.

Next, Sheriff Cripps communicated that the Sheriff's Office handled 731 calls (approximately 24 calls per day). There are currently 54 inmates in jail; which 31 are Federal. This amount is above the targeted number of 25 Federal Inmates to make Sheriff Cripps' Budget. He reiterated that the Commissary Audit for FY 2021 has been completed and was found to be in compliance.

In conclusion, he welcomed any questions or concerns.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator stated that the ESDA Department assisted the Sheriff's Office with traffic control for a few wrecks during the month of May. She anticipates that business will increase during the summer months.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted this evening prior to the Full Board Meeting. The main topic of discussion was Animal Control in Marion County. An additional County & Community Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. to discuss and clarify issues with this matter.

Approval of Bills: \$26,421.02 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Full Board Member Deborah Reed had questions regarding a bill for Companion Life Insurance in the amount of \$5,962.86. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox clarified that it should be under the Finance & Insurance Committee's bills, but still needed to be approved. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Mr. Henson reiterated that the Animal Shelter Agreement and the email from State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth will be further addressed at the next Committee Meeting.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer presented his monthly report. He proceeded by stating that he picked up 9 dogs and 2 dog bites and 2 cat bites were reported during the month. The dog bites were located in small villages (incorporated areas) and he was unable to take the dogs. Therefore, his only resolution to this issue was to have the dogs home quarantined. The Centralia Animal Shelter is only allowed to take in animals from unincorporated areas per its contract with Marion County. This matter will also be addressed at the next Committee Meeting. Mr. Ferguson highly recommended adopting animals from the shelter if anyone is looking for a pet.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner was not present. Therefore, no report was available.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Due to Committee Chairman Steven Bradley being absent, Committee Member Tracy Murray presented the Road & Bridge Committee Report.

Approval of Bills: ~~\$266,180.58~~ Tracy Murray 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 and questions were answered.

Resolution 2024-22: Purchase of Equipment Fontaine Detach Trailer from Higgs Welding, \$27,500.00. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-22 was made by Tracy Murray and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-23: ROW Permit-Village of Iuka, 500 Main Street, Service Line. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-23 made by Tracy Murray and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-24: ROW Permit-Marathon Pipeline LLC, Vermundy Road, Pipeline Casting Work. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-24 made by Tracy Murray and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued

Mr. McCormick continued with an update with the Marion County Highway projects. The Green Street project has begun and will continue through October, 2024. Board member David Iossi inquired if there would be any road closures. Mr. McCormick relayed that Green Street is not anticipating any, but when the Odin Road Bridge improvement begins there will be. Kline Road Bridge is set to begin within the next couple of months along with the Range Road Bridge. With respect to the Route 161 Extension Bridge, an Engineering Grant is available to help pay for the design of the structure in addition to the Grant for the construction. Oiling of the roads has also begun.

Committee and Board Member Tracy Murray shared that he had been asked questions regarding the signage and the enforcement of violations at the Skillet Fork Bridge. Sheriff Cripps and Michael McCormick reiterated that scales from IDOT would be required to issue any citations for overweight vehicles. They were both aware that this continues to be an issue. Additionally, Sheriff Cripps stated that not having the knowledge if a box truck and semi crossing the bridge is full or empty is also challenge to issuing citations.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 28, 2024 and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour proceeded with a brief discussion with respect to the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting held prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He conveyed that Braniff Communications was not available for their presentation. He will attempt to set up a ZOOM Meeting with them to discuss the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control in July, 2024.

The unification of all of the Emergency Sirens in Marion County is anticipated to be completed by GTSI at the end of the month.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour emphasized the importance of the outdoor emergency sirens in addition to the Nixel Program.

Prior to the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Report, a guest had questions regarding the siren at the Taco Bell location. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that each municipality is responsible for their own sirens. This has been the topic of many discussions.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE; CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that there is nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report. Full Board Member Tracy Murray inquired with respect to the procedure of disbanding a Committee. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith explained that the Committee Chairman will address the Board Chair when there is nothing more for the Committee to do and a decision will be made.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Omega General renewed their liquor license.

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

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:09 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 6/25/24

Steve Fox

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, conveying that the Meeting is being recorded. She proceeded by leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Prior to the guests addressing the Board, Chairwoman Debbie Smith communicated that there are protocols that need to be followed during a County Board Meeting. Resolution 2020-32: Procedures for Public Speaking at Regular County Board Meetings limits public comments "to no more than five (5) consecutive minutes per person and to no more than forty-five 45 minutes per meeting." Additionally, she expressed that after the guest's time to speak, the Full Board Meeting will be conducted and no other interaction between the Board Members and guests will take place. If a person becomes unruly they may be asked to leave or escorted from the room. She also directed everyone to silence their telephones during the Meeting.

Guest Matt Huelskoetter inquired if any information was available regarding the investigation of the email from the last meeting. Mrs. Smith stated that the subject matter will be addressed later during this Meeting or at the next Full Board Meeting contingent on Steve Whritenour's findings.

Next, Dr. Mike Douglas voiced his concerns regarding the Board and the Marion County Animal Control Officer's protocol. He stated that he understood that the Officer is now responding to issues in incorporated areas, but the obstacle of the City of Centralia Shelter not taking in their animals remains. Additionally, Dr. Douglas expressed that it was unjustifiable that the smaller municipalities are being charged a County registration fee for County services and are not able to utilize all of those services. He clarified that an animal involved in a dog bite incident that has not been vaccinated is required to be quarantined under the observation of a veterinarian, and that this is a portion of the Animal Control Act that must be followed. He urged looking at the surrounding Counties' formalities. Lastly, he proposed posting Animal Control on the County's website to which could be utilized for County registration and to aid with lost and found animals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2024 with the amendment that the Chairwoman gavelled Brock Waggoner down and requested a Motion to Continue without taking a vote was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments and Chairman of the Farmland Assessment Review Committee Mark Miller recited his letter to appoint Steve Brummel to fill the vacancy of Edward Gersteneker, who is retiring, in the position of Trustee of the Farmland Assessment Review Committee for a 2-year term beginning June 1, 2024 and expiring May 31, 2026. Prior to the Motion being made Christopher Krupp inquired if this Committee was related to the Board of Review. Mr. Miller stated that it was not and gave a brief description of its purpose. Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner and Mr. Miller had a short discussion regarding nominations for this position. Motion to appoint Steve Brummel to the position of Trustee of the Farmland Assessment Review Committee made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 Nays (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp allowed State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth to give a brief explanation of Resolution 2024-25: Adopting Cost of Living Adjustment for Marion County State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff. The new salaries are set by the State of Illinois. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-25 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 Ayes – 1 Nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Krupp addressed Resolution 2024-21: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-009-003-00 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$679.57 with remaining monies distributed according to law. This Resolution was tabled from the Full Board Meeting conducted on June 11, 2024 when there were questions regarding the Parcel Number. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder researched this item. After she spoke with the Delinquent Tax Attorney from Edwardsville, it was determined that it was actually a mobile home. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-21 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Tyson McHenry had questions regarding the taxes for the property that it is located on and the mobile home taxes. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth and Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller each provided information to answer his questions. Board Member Brock Waggoner inquired if conformation existed with respect to anyone paying the property taxes versus them paying the mobile home taxes. State's Attorney Hudspeth and Mr. Miller responded to his questions as well. Voice Vote: 12 Ayes – 2 Nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed. A quick debate of whether a Voice Vote or Roll Call Vote should be taken occurred.

In conclusion, Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that the last report was that the FY 2022 Audit is progressing and should be completed by the end of July, 2024.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel stated that a Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 5:45 P.M. The topics of discussion will be the Backup Power and Generator for the Marion County Courthouse.

Next, the renewal of the XT Solutions Contract for 3-year term beginning 7/1/24 and ending 6/30/27 was discussed. The monthly payment year 1 will be \$9,300.00 and years 2 and 3 will be \$9,500.00. Board Member Bill Henson voiced his concerns with the interactions with this company. Committee Chairman Dr. Engel suggested letting them know that a Board Member is attempting to reach them and sending a text explaining the issue that is occurring. Board Member Brock Waggoner agreed with Mr. Henson and described how other companies manage their customer support. Mr. Waggoner also conveyed his thoughts with Marion County employees using a personal email for conducting County business and in addition the lack of efficient use of informational technology. Dr. Engel reiterated that the Board previously addressed the issues with the County Elected Officials and employees using the governmental email for personal use. Following, Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the XT Solution Contract and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Board Member Steven Whritenour announced his perception of IT services and how Marion County could benefit by utilizing these ideas. Dr. Engel stated that they could be taken into consideration. Board Member Tracy Murray questioned who oversees this scenario. Dr. Engel verified that the Building & Historical Committee and Mr. Tomlianovich, XT Solutions, are in communication with one another. Mr. Waggoner attempted to table this item, but was disallowed. Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes – 5 Nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Bill Henson, and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

An update from Shores Builders Construction with regards to the ADA renovation of the Main Courtroom was not available according to Sheriff Kevin Cripps' report. Sheriff Cripps stated that the gumball tree that was on the Courthouse lawn has been completely removed from the Northwest side of the square.

In conclusion, Chairman Creighton Engel conveyed that the replacement of the Federal Pacific Electrical Boxes in the Marion County Courthouse was completed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Board Member David Iossi requested that each breaker in the boxes be identified. Dr. Engel will follow through with this suggestion. The Moose Building electrical panel was confirmed to be up to date.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members. Sheriff Cripps stated that there was nothing new to report. He did acknowledge that having the Full Board Meeting in the Marion County Courthouse, Room 301, seems to be more appropriate for conducting the County's Meetings.

Sherri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator was absent. Therefore, there was nothing new to report for her Department.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson requested a motion to approve the County & Community Meeting dated June 11, 2024. Committee Member Brock Waggoner made the motion and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Henson continued with a discussion of the County & Community Committee Meeting conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. In reference to the Animal Control Act (510 ILCS 5/), the Committee is instructing the Animal Control Administrator to respond to calls in the municipalities within Marion County. Unfortunately, the animals cannot be taken to the Centralia Animal Shelter per the contract between the City of Centralia and Marion County. The facility is only accepting animals from unincorporated areas at this time. A thorough discussion with the Heads of the municipalities and the Committee Members is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Input from each of them will be taken into consideration. In addition, the Animal Control Officer's job description will be analyzed and detailed at that time. The information for the Agenda of that meeting will be forwarded to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary from Mr. Henson.

Board Members Christopher Krupp and Tyson McHenry questioned where a dog involved in a biting situation from an incorporated area will be taken. Mr. Henson conveyed that there are options available depending on the situation. According to the Animal Control Act, the dog must be under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian. Further discussion with regards to this matter will be addressed at the next Committee Meeting also.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner clarified that American Legal Publishing is accepting any records that have been completed, but will not start the codification process until all of them are received from Marion County. He conveyed that Resolutions and Ordinances from 1970 forward are being pulled by employees of Marion County Clerk Steve Fox, and Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder has been gathering them from the present and to the past. A scanner will be purchased in the near future to begin the process of sending the data to American Legal Publishing.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour requested that someone make a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 11, 2024. Deborah Reed made the motion and Brock Waggoner made the second. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

A Committee Meeting including the Braniff Communications' Commander1 presentation is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBRA REED

Broadband Committee Chairwoman Debra Reed began by stating that a Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. for a status update.

In addition, Mrs. Reed conveyed that Wabash Communications "highly recommend" to not disband the Broadband Committee "due to their project being tied to this Committee." The Committee will not disband at this time. She continued relaying that as of June 17, 2024 the fourth round of funding began. Spectrum is interested in submitting information.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Liquor Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Rambo's Lucky Day Slots renewed their Liquor License.

Prior to continuing with the Meeting, Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that all Committee and Full Board Meetings will continue to be conducted in the Courthouse, Room 301 until further notice.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that Mission Critical Partners, a consulting firm, was hired to examine the Marion County 911 Dispatch Centers and the Sheriff's Office. The firm will provide recommendations in a report during the latter part of August or early September, 2024.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Alternative Learning Academy in Centralia.

In addition, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that if anyone is interested in serving on any of the special committees to get in contact with the Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that a meeting was conducted last week, and the facility is doing well. He stated that he had been contacted by several entities with regards to a drug intervention and treatment program that may be conducted through the Health Department. He will be in contact with Melissa Mallow regarding this service.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell is attending a meeting this evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whitenour stated that there is a meeting scheduled at noon, Thursday, June 27, 2024 at the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that there was a meeting the previous week. Discussion of the passing of the Budget for the year. Extra monies are available to help people age 18-24 years that are out of work and are not registered or in school.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that a meeting has not occurred.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that a meeting was held the previous night. The Committee has hired WIPFLI for Forensic Accounting and Sikich as their Auditor. The new director, Jessica Back, drove to Springfield, Illinois and spoke with the Head of BCMw for guidance to resolve their previous issues.

In conclusion, Board Member Brock Waggoner requested information regarding the investigation of the email matter that was addressed during the Public Comment portion of this meeting. Fellow Board Member Steven Whitenour was allowed to present a brief summary by Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith. He began by explaining that the issue created apprehensiveness among several people during the last couple of weeks. He determined, in his opinion, that a crime had not been committed by someone leaving the copy of the email on the Board Secretary's desk, and the correspondence was a social media post that someone felt needed to be shared. During his investigation, he spoke with Board Members Brock Waggoner and Tracy Murray. Mr. Waggoner voiced his concern was "using County resources to create Hit Lists." Mr. Whitenour and Mr. Murray were in agreement that this was not a crime, but their question was why this email was disseminated. Mr. Whitenour consulted with State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with regards to what the repercussions would be if he identified the person who left the email, but did not commit a crime. He petitioned for full immunity for himself, the 2 others involved in the investigation, and the County if that person or persons are identified. He offered to continue with the investigation if asked to, but questioned who would it benefit. Mr. Waggoner insisted to continue to research if County employees were involved or if County resources were used to obtain this email. Mr. Murray emphasized that the issue is being properly addressed. State's Attorney Hudspeth communicated that he agreed that a crime was not committed, and that there is no evidence to support the issue that Government property was or was not used to obtain the email.

County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith addressed the matter. She stated that a thorough examination of the meeting packets will be conducted prior to releasing the information via email. She further revealed that this type of issue will not happen again. Board Member Sharon Woodward conveyed that she felt that nothing was wrong with this item being shared. Mrs. Smith affirmed that the sole reason for it being sent was for informational purposes only. She took sole responsibility.

Mr. Whritenour delivered a brief discussion regarding the openness of his email correspondence and it being available by a FOIA request. He proceeded to explain how Social Media is used as worldwide electronic communication and to be prepared to accept the consequences if a person utilizes this technology.

Next, State's Attorney Hudspeth clarified that if a County employee was involved with this matter, then the County's Elected Official will be responsible for any disciplinary actions. If a constituent is involved and something bad happens to them, then the person responsible for the misconduct will be held accountable.

A guest requested to speak, but was denied.

In conclusion, Mr. Waggoner insisted to proceed with the investigation since it has already been initiated. This topic will continue to be addressed at the next Full County Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.


Time Adjourned: 7:47 P.M.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 7/9/24

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



6/25/24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Clad Hull

Todd Mann

Wayne S. Walker

Donna Jones

Paul C. Jones

Ray Sanders

Tom

Brendy Hemper

Sue Hvalskretter

Matt Hvalskretter

Neil + Betty Caron

Michael Doughs

Carol

Robert

Bruce Tate

Donna Dawson

MARK MILLER

Jim Hedges

Clifford Schickel

Bruce Kropp

Cory

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Bill Henson, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated June 25, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox stated that the Illinois Department of Revenue figures will be presented at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Due to Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher being absent, Committee Member Creighton Engel presented the report.

Approval of Bills

General: \$189,281.19 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Full Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned why there were checks added to the report for a total amount of approximately \$109,000.00. Full Board Chairwoman and Marion County Clerk reiterated that they were manual checks. Mr. Waggoner continued to voice his concerns. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed

Insurance: \$38,135.34 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$687,346.53 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

In conclusion, Committee Member Dr. Engel presented an update on the FY 2022 Audit. WIPFLI is continuing with the FY 2022 Audit process and is anticipating the completion by the end of next month. They will then proceed with the FY 2023 Audit.

Prior to moving forward with the Building & Historical Report, Board Member Mr. Waggoner asked if WIPFLI had provided information regarding their recommendations for better practices to correct the Audit findings. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated “that will be forth coming.”

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2024. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills: \$24,573.57 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

An update from Shores Builders Construction to upgrade the Main Courtroom to meet ADA Standards was not available.

In conclusion, Dr. Engel conveyed that a Building & Historical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. He stated that one item on the Agenda will be the window replacement at the Courthouse with a few other matters to be discussed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$54,161.84 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps was absent therefore there was no report.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator stated that the ESDA Department is helping with the preparation for the Marion County Fair. She reiterated that since it is storm season, they are on call.

Next, Mr. Whritenour conveyed that the Fire Alarm and Life Safety Inspection Certificate was included in the Full Board Meeting Packet, and that it was an adequate report.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

In conclusion, he stated that he had received an email from the gentleman that requested the Facebook investigation. This gentleman indicated that “he was satisfied with the investigation and would like to end it.” Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith asked for a motion to end the investigation. Motion to discontinue the investigation per the email from the person requesting the investigation was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: 10 Ayes – No Nays – 1 Abstain (Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson was absent, therefore Committee Member Jack Riley presented the report.

Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Minutes dated June 25, 2024 was made by Jack Riley and seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, he conveyed that a County & Community Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. The main topic will be the serious issues with Marion County Animal Control. The Heads of the Marion County Municipalities are being notified and encouraged to attend. In addition, Chairwoman Mrs. Smith urged the public to attend also.

Approval of Bills: \$5,103.67 Jack Riley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He proceeded by stating that he picked up 17 dogs and 2 are being fostered. A total of 196 dogs have been picked up thus far this year. He conveyed that there is approximately \$50,000.00 in the Spay/Neuter Program. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned if these funds could be used during the adoption process. Mr. Ferguson stated that they could be, but only with spay/neuter fees.

Next, a Motion to go into Closed Session – Opioid Litigation was made by Tracy Murray and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Closed Session began at 6:49 P.M.

Sharon Woodward made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 7:08 P.M.

Roll Call was again taken with all the previous Full Board Members present with the same absent.

State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth discussed the Opioids Settlement Agreement: Kroger (a copy was distributed to each Board Member prior to the Closed Session). Marion County’s share will be approximately \$27,000. The monies are required to be utilized for individuals with drug related addictions. The recommendation of employing Marion County’s portion to the Drug Court Program has been taken into consideration.

Motion to approve the Opioid Settlement Agreement: Kroger was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Following this, a Motion to Approve the Election Judges for 2024 General, 2025 Consolidated, & 2026 Primary Elections was made by Deborah Reed and seconded by Jack Riley. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner requested clarification if these are not partisans. Marion County Clerk Steve Fox responded that they are partisan lists divided by precinct and by party. Voice Vote: 10 ayes - 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Riley addressed the City of Salem Rebuild Downtown Letter of Support Grant for the Food Truck Park. After a brief discussion, it was determined that a person on behalf of the City of Salem attend the next meeting for an explanation of their request. A Motion to Table the City of Salem Rebuild Downtown Letter of Support Grant for the Food Truck Park was made by Jack Riley and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Prior to the Sub-Committee Codification's report, a short conversation amongst Board Members Brock Waggoner and Steven Waggoner transpired.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he did not have anything new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Due to Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley being absent, Committee Member David Iossi presented the Road & Bridge Committee Report.

Approval of Bills: \$341,738.52 David Iossi made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer prepared a monthly report (see attachment) prior to this meeting that was provided to each Board Member in their Full Board Meeting Packet. Mr. Iossi relayed the information included in that report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He conveyed that during the meeting Jeff Ryba, Braniff Communication Representative delivered a presentation of the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control. A tour of the Salem and Centralia 911 Centers with Mr. Ryba will be taking place Tuesday, August 13, 2024. He will then give a presentation at 5:30 P.M. that evening at the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that there is nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed made a motion to approve the Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2024 and seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Biggies Cafe renewed their liquor license.

Prior to adjourning, Misty Johannes, Raccoon School Principal and Superintendent, commended the Marion County Board for implementing the School Resource Officer program for their school.

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

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:23 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓
Date: 7/23/24

Steve Fox

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



MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:33 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 Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Deborah Reed and Steven Bradley.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Claude Howell complimented the guests for attending this evening's meeting. He encouraged the public to continue coming and voicing their opinions. Mr. Howell commended the Marion County Board Members also for their work for the County and allowing the public to address the County's issues.

Bob Wright conveyed his concerns with the County intersection at Bee Branch (Tonti) and Kinmundy Roads. After being involved in a fatal car accident, he expressed in detail how it is a dangerous intersection. Chairwoman Debbie Smith was empathetic and stated that Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, will be advised of his concernment. Mr. Wright's private information was provided to have Mr. McCormick reach out to him personally.

Alisa Hourigan questioned the Board's involvement with the Food Truck Park for the City of Salem. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith disclosed that the City of Salem was not able to provide more information regarding the project to the Board before the deadline for applying for the Grant for the Park. Therefore, Marion County is considered to be not supportive. A brief discussion involving a TIF approval from the Board transpired. It was determined that this project was not included in that TIF's area.

Josh Dunahee voiced his concerns with respect to the assessments and property taxes of the citizens of Marion County. He questioned the reduction in the amounts due for the Marion County Board Members/Elected Officials' taxes and the increase of the public's. He requested an open explanation with honest answers. Additionally, he conveyed his and his family's dedication to the local community's businesses.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith continued with the items on the Agenda.

Steve Brummel , Marion County Farm Bureau President presented Bicentennial Coins to each Board Member in appreciation for support of their organization.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated July 9, 2024 was made by David lossi with a second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller distributed an invitation to his presentation titled “The Property Tax Cycle” to everyone in attendance (see attachment). He communicated that he will begin with an informational portion followed by a question and answer. There will be a public notice for this event. In addition, Full Board Member Steven Whritenour conveyed that Senator Jason Plummer will be presenting a seminar on September 11, 2024 at the KC Salem Education Center. Guest Mr. Josh Dunahee commended Mr. Miller and Mr. Whritenour for addressing the issues with the Marion County Property Taxes.

An additional guest voiced his concerns with issues of his meeting with the Board of Review.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent from the meeting. Therefore, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$84,919.08	\$91,321.48
1%	\$42,384.98	\$38,190.03

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated July 17, 2024 and was seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

An update from Shores Builders Construction to upgrade the Main Courtroom to meet ADA Standards was not available, but Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has been in contact with them.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Next, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel shared information regarding the window replacement at the Courthouse that was discussed at the previous Committee Meeting. A slide presentation demonstrating the water and structural damage to multiple windows was provided by Sheriff Kevin Cripps. An in depth discussion of the importance of this project took place. Board Member Christopher Krupp questioned if the roof was causing some of the issues, and Sheriff Cripps explained that that roof issues were previously repaired and the problems were resolved. He continued to communicate how the window replacements may save on the County's energy costs.

Dr. Engel continued by disclosing that the publishing for the Public Service Building window sealed bids will occur prior to the next Building & Historical Committee Meeting.

Board Member Adam Smith provided information regarding why the window replacements were not considered when the ARPA Funds were available.

Next, Board member Brock Waggoner posed questions with regards to the bid specs for the window replacements. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that they were included in the bid packets for the Courthouse and will be included in the Public Service Building's also. Following a debate with Mr. Waggoner, Sheriff Cripps stated that he will provide them to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary to distribute via email to the Marion County Board Members.

Board Member Steven Whritenour voiced his concerns with respect to the Courthouse "emergency situations." In addition, he would recommend a "capital plan for this building" prior to approving the FY 2025 Budget. Committee Chairman Dr. Engel responded with an explanation that some of the issues that Mr. Whritenour was concerned about have previously been completed. He also recommended that a maintenance plan be drafted to prevent the difficult situations that have occurred in the past.

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel turned the floor over to Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp to proceed with the financial information regarding the window replacements in the Courthouse and the Public Service Building.

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to send out a sealed bid request for window replacement and backdoor repair of the Public Service Building and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Board Member Tracy Murray questioned if the same issues will occur with this bid process that happened with the bids for the Courthouse. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith explained that spec sheets were available for the previous bids and will be for these also. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed. Immediately after the Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner interjected while Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Christopher Krupp spoke to one another. He voiced his opinion in regards to them conversing during the meeting. As Chairwoman Mrs. Smith attempted to explain what was being discussed, Mr. Waggoner continued to interrupt. During this time Mrs. Smith stated "So noted" two times.

Next, Mr. Krupp elaborated on the window replacement bid for the Marion County Courthouse. A motion was made by Christopher Krupp to approve the \$403,752.00 bid from Gardner/L & M Glass contingent on receiving at least a 10-year Construction Bank Note and seconded by David Iossi.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer provided additional information regarding the financing for the project. Board Member Brock Waggoner continued to ask questions with respect to the financial institutions that were being contacted. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that the goal after speaking with various institutions is to have the Board approve a specific facility's proposal. He added that this evening's motion for approval of the bid is to get the project initiated. Roll Call Vote: 8 ayes – 5 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

In conclusion, Committee Member Mr. Krupp stated that WIPFLI is continuing to work on the FY 2022 Audit and will then proceed with the FY 2023 Audit.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members. Sheriff Cripps stated that there were currently 53 inmates being housed at the Marion County Jail with 34 of them being Federal. He explained the advantage of housing Federal inmates. It does provide revenue for the County by receiving \$65.00 per inmate on a daily basis. Lastly, Sheriff Cripps expressed that other business at the facility is going well.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator was absent due to preparing for the Marion County Fair.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He shared information with respect to the items that were discussed. He reiterated that the Animal Control Administrator's jurisdiction includes all of the unincorporated and incorporated areas of Marion County. Additionally, Mr. Henson conveyed that the Committee is exploring options for quarantining animals involved in dog bite cases and long term housing of animals. Paws Here Veterinary Services, LTD in Iuka is one that has offered their facility for the housing of the animals involved in dangerous situations such as the dog bites. The job description of the Animal Control Administrator will be addressed at a future Committee Meeting.

Next, Chairman Mr. Henson allowed Micah Mulvany to provide information regarding a new subdivision at Lake Street and Marion Street, Salem, Marion County Illinois. Mr. Mulvany distributed blueprints of the Course View Subdivision to the Full Board Members. After a brief discussion, Chairman Bill Henson made a motion to approve the subdivision at Lake Street and Marion Street and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Mr. Waggoner made an amended motion to approve the Course View Subdivision, a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range East of the Third Principal Meridian, Marion County, Illinois. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Six original copies of the blueprints were provided for signatures from Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Marion County Clerk Steve Fox and will be available for Mr. Mulvany in the Marion County Board Secretary's Office.

The next topic regarding the City of Salem Rebuild Downtown Letter of Support Grant for the Food Truck Park was previously addressed. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that the County does not have any participation in the project.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he did not have anything new to report. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith asked when his spreadsheet would be available for the County Board Secretary to start sending the Ordinances and Resolutions to American Legal Publishing to initiate the project. Mr. Waggoner responded that he had “forgotten to do that and he had other things going on.” Mrs. Smith relayed that Lori Linder has the scanner and everything is ready to forward.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Due to Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley was absent; therefore, there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated Tuesday, July 9, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Committee Member requested an amendment to the Minutes. He suggested the addition of the information regarding the business selection for this project. This was accepted. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, a tour of the Salem and Centralia 911 Centers and the ESDA Building with Jeff Ryba, Braniff Communications Vice President and General Manager will be taking place Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at a tentative time of 1:00 P.M. Mr. Ryba will then give a presentation at 5:30 P.M. that evening at the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting. The cloud based notification system, CommanderOne will be the topic of discussion.

Prior to the Personnel/Labor Relations’ report, Chairwoman Debbie Smith shared a text message received regarding Board Member Deborah Reed’s absence.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report. He did schedule a combined Personnel/Labor Relations Committee and Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting for Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. The FOP negotiations will be addressed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed was absent; therefore, no report was available.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were not any renewals of the license during the month.

Prior to the Special Committees reports, Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker addressed the Board. She conveyed that she purchased law enforcement equipment for the surrounding agencies. The approximate \$1,000.00 costs for each unit includes a mobile printer, driver's license scanner, the ports connecting it, and the printer mount. The articles will allow an officer to prepare a citation electronically and avoids a written one. She explained how this will be advantageous for the officers as well as for Mrs. Schicker's staff.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that a meeting was conducted 2 weeks ago.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Centralia Community Resource Center.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that a meeting will be conducted in September.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that there was not a meeting in June due to not having a quorum.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp stated that a meeting has been scheduled for August 8, 2024.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that there is a meeting scheduled at noon, Thursday, July 25, 2024 at the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

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Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that a meeting was held the previous night and he was unable to attend.

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Bruce Kopp WJBD/WJQ
Brook Wegener
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Tiffany Schicker
Michelle Pugh
Claude Hoult Rep Nom- MC Casner
Shara Woodward
Cheryl Bumberg
Bob Easley
Valerie Sand
Kathy Balfanz
Amy Smith
Jeanne Purnace
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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Marion 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, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith. Absent were Brock Waggoner and David Iossi.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator addressed the Full Board with concerns of events that occurred during the Marion County Fair week (see attached letter). She introduced her advocates that were present; Doug Telford, Marion County Fair Board President, Fair Board Members Amy Telford and Colleen Miselbrook. Board Member Creighton Engel expressed his appreciation that during Mrs. Barter's presentation she explained that the Fairgrounds are privately owned by the Marion County Fair Board. Doug Telford reiterated and concurred with the information conveyed by Mrs. Barter. In addition, he communicated his strong feelings and opinions in regards to this matter. He stated that he did have "everything under control" with respect to sheltering the fair's attendees and workers. Mr. Telford also commended the Community for their assistance with the parking issues.

Several Board members expressed their admiration for the information conveyed.

Next, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, invited everyone to attend The Property Tax Cycle seminar scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2024 at the Bryan Bennett Library in Salem at 6:30 P.M.

Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that the Marion County Mobile Home Taxes were due today. The first distribution of the first Real Estate Taxes will take place at the end of the month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated July 23, 2024 made by Bill Henson with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$85,208.88	\$92,915.55
1%	\$33,163.78	\$40,043.59

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$104,973.59 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed

Insurance: \$90,225.05 The total was corrected from the Agenda's numbers (see attachment). Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$692,248.97 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

Next, Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed the financing of the window replacement at the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building. A thorough discussion transpired regarding the closed financial bids opened at the Combined Meeting with the Building & Historical Committee held on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. Mr. Krupp conveyed that after analyzing each of the institution's bids, the Committee had made the decision of utilizing People's National Bank and presenting their information to the Full Board for final approval. A copy of each of the bids were included in this meeting's packet. Following a lengthy conversation amongst the Full Members, the Elected Officials, and Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel, Mr. Krupp made a motion to approve People's National Bank and their bid for the loan amount of \$900,000.00; a 15-year term with a 4.79% interest rate, and ~~monthly~~ ^{annual} payment of \$85,887.09 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Board Member Steven Whritenour continued to voice his concerns with regards to future projects and their expenses. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that a meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. with the Elected Officials to discuss a 5-10-year priority list of any repairs or renovations that they foresee. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Tyson McHenry and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that an update on the FY 2022 Audit will be discussed during the next morning's phone conference with WIPFLI. This information will be relayed during the Full Board Meeting on August 27, 2024. Additionally, an all-day FY 2025 Budget Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 26, 2024.

Prior to moving forward with the Building & Historical Committee's report, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that when a few of the Members were elected to the Board in 2012 that there were issues. For example, the Courthouse's appearance outside and inside had not been maintained. There were financial problems that effected Marion County employees also. She stated that balancing the Budget was an issue and that everyone on the Board since that time has worked diligently along with the Elected Officials to get it where it is today. She commended the Elected Officials for maintaining their Budgets.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$58,360.77 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – 0 nay. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel reiterated that in 2021 a list of priorities was presented. He stated that obstacles, some relating to the COVID outbreak, occurred causing a delay to some of the repairs and renovations. After consulting with the architects and contractors, priority went to issues that had not been addressed for several years. Plans are in place to continue working on the list.

Next, the lone bid for the window replacements at the Public Service Building was discussed. Creighton Engel made a motion to accept the \$75,900.00 bid from Gardner/L & M Glass to replace the windows in the Marion County Public Service Building and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Dr. Engel continued by conveying that Tom Paulson, TOP Electric & Lighting President/Project Manager, has offered to prepare the Bid Specifications for the Electrical Backup and Generator at the Marion County Courthouse for a fee of \$2,500.00. If the TOP Electric & Lighting bid is accepted, the fee will be waived. A thorough explanation regarding the importance of this equipment was presented by Sheriff Kevin Cripps and Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker. Sheriff Cripps indicated the advantages of having the equipment and the ability to continue with business at the Marion County Sheriff's Office while the opening of the Courthouse was delayed after the last storm. The postponement caused issues with a Jury Trial and with the Public not being able to pay the first installment of Property Taxes on its final due date. A motion for Tom Paulson, TOP Electric & Lighting, to draw up the bid specifications for the Electrical Backup and the Generator at the Marion County Courthouse for a fee of \$2,500.00 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

An update from Shores Builders Construction with regards to the Public Service Building and the Sheriff's Office was presented by Sheriff Kevin Cripps. He stated that he had spoken with one of their representatives and they had thought the information had previously been sent. Nothing has been

received, therefore Sheriff Cripps was told that they “would get right on that.” He also conveyed that the door issues are with the doors themselves and not the door frame. In addition, the company that repaired the handicap doors at the Public Service Building will be returning to correct the problem with its switches for one of the doors.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$86,552.38 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 0 nays (Christopher Krupp had momentarily exited the room). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. He stated that the Marion County jail had responded to 727 calls. The Jail currently has 58 inmates with 37 being Federal and 2 Juveniles. The average costs per inmate’s meal was \$1.75. Sheriff Cripps commended the County’s First responders and Linemen for their work during the last 2 severe storms.

Next, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour expressed gratitude toward Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, the Marion County ESDA, Salem and Centralia ESDA. Several Members of the Board concurred. Mrs. Barter then proceeded with her monthly report (see attachment). In addition, she had a question for the Board Members regarding a previous bill for her agency. Dr. Engel responded by stating that it had been turned over to Ameresco.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson echoed Steven Whritenour’s compliments and expanded it to all of the Department Heads, County Officials, and Elected Officials in Marion County.

Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Minutes dated July 23, 2024 was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills: \$13,179.89 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that an error occurred with the recording system and a total of over 200 dogs have been picked up thus far this year. He proceeded by stating that he picked up 10 dogs and had 4 dog bite incidents. Lastly, he stated that he will be having knee replacement surgery on September 16, 2024.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that the spreadsheet still has not been sent to the Marion County Board Secretary. It was previously requested 3 ½ weeks ago, and an additional email has been sent to Sub-Committee Chairman Mr. Waggoner requesting this document. The Codification project may begin as soon as this is received. In addition, Mrs. Smith explained that Lori Linder, the Marion County Board Secretary is going into a busy period which may cause some delay in getting all of the materials to American Legal Publishing Company.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Prior to Approval of the Bills, Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that a correction is to be made on the total amount (see attachment).

Approval of Bills: \$653,704.32 This is a corrected total. Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer addressed the error and the corrected amount.

Mr. McCormick continued by requesting approval of eight Resolutions. He gave an explanation of Resolution 2024-26: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$60,250 Kinmundy RD Shanghal Rd 22-07009-00-BR was given and questions were answered.

Steven Bradley made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26, but prior to a second being made, Board member Bill Henson questioned if an omnibus vote could be made. After a brief conversation between Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Steve Fox Marion County Clerk, it was determined that an omnibus vote could be made for Resolutions 2024-26 through 2024-31.

Resolution 2024-26: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$60,250 Kinmundy RD Shanghal Rd 22-07009-00-BR.

Resolution 2024-27: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$38,500 Alma Rd Williams Rd 13-01003-00-FL.

Resolution 2024-28: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$32,500 Odin Rd West Line Rd 24-09012-00-FL.

Resolution 2024-29: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$38,000 Alma Rd Laughman Road 24-01005-00-FL.

Resolution 2024-30: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$34,000 Kinmundy Rd Edgar Rd 24-07013-00-FL.

Resolution 2024-31: Engineering Service Agreement/Gonzalez Companies \$45,000 Patoka Rd Kline Rd 19-11004-00-BR.

An omnibus motion to approve Resolution 2024-26 through 2024-31 was made by Steven Bradley and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, a brief description of each was given. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In addition, an explanation of the remaining Resolutions was given and questions were answered.

Resolution 2024-32: Bid Approval DMS Contracting, Foster Township Malone Rd 22-04036-00-MS \$188,906.13. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-32 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-33: ROW Permit-Furlong Excavating/Green Street Bore. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-33 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Next, Mr. McCormick stated that the Department is currently fully staffed. He reported that the Green Street and Odin Road Safety Projects are progressing. In Patoka, the Kline Road Bridge repairs are to begin August 26, 2024, and in Sandoval, the Range Road bids are due August 16, 2024 and will be brought before the Full Board shortly thereafter. He conveyed that in October, 2024 that Marion County “will be able to be locked in for funding with IDOT” for the Route 161 Extension Skillet Fork Bridge, but the funding will not be available for 4 years. The State may allow the program to begin within 2 ½ - 3 years if all of the paperwork and departments are in agreement.

Prior to the 911/ESDA Committee’s Report, Board Member Tyson McHenry had questions regarding the first bridge on Meridian Road West of Sandoval. Mr. McCormick responded by conveying that the State has stated that Marion County has to have permanent closure of the bridge. This will cause 2 bridges to be closed on the Meridian Road which are located on the Marion/Clinton County line. After a discussion with Clinton County, they have elected to take the lead on taking care of the programming, the design, and the construction of both bridges.” Marion County will only be responsible for their share on the expenses according to the EAB.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening’s Full Board Meeting. He conveyed that the information from that meeting and a quote from Braniff Communications will be discussed in 2 weeks.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that the FOP Contract Negotiations will begin Wednesday, August 21, 2024, and Rick Stewart, Marion County’s Labor Attorney may be attending. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that clarification of a few issues will be discussed.

Next, Mr. Smith gave the floor to Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer. Mr. McCormick conveyed that he has been given the opportunity for the highway engineer’s position in Bond County. Additionally, he resides in that County and has been commuting daily. He stated that after thorough consideration, he will be resigning from his position as Marion County Highway Engineer effective August 30, 2024. He commended Marion County for allowing him to continue with his career for the last 12 years. The Board Members applauded him for his services. He has also offered to be a consultant for the County until a new Engineer is hired. His letter of resignation was received.

A Closed Committee Meeting regarding the Interim Engineer was scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that Clearwave is still not interested after consulting with another individual from their company.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that The Wedding Barn renewed their liquor license.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Bradley 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.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:23 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 8/27/24



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

8/13/24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Bill Henson

~~Gary King~~

Bill Smith

Brookopp WJBD-WJ12

Jay Threlkell

Jeffrey Schickel

~~Club Line~~

Tykon Melby

Shayaku Woodruff

~~Valerie Kellum~~

~~David Williams~~

~~Mike~~

Amy Telford

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MARION COUNTY ESDA

August 13, 2024

Thank you Ma'am Chairwoman, Board Members, Media and Guest For giving me this time to clear up a few things, to set the record straight and do some drama shut down with the public and a few Board Members.

Tonight, I have Doug Telford the Marion County Fair Board President and Colleen Miselbrook also a board member here tonight

1.) The Marion County Fair Grounds, it is actually on the county line. So, it is actually out of the city limits. Also Marion County Fairgrounds is a Privately owned property.

2.) With that being said Marion County ESDA works for the Fair Board the week of the fair, or any other time you see us out there.

They tell ME, the Marion County Coordinator, where and what we can or can not do, this includes park vehicles on the property. Like fair week, with all the rain there was so much water and mud, we could not park on the property like we normally have in the past.

I set down with the Fair Board President Doug Telford alongside Kirk Wilkins.

We came up with the plan of offsite parking, we did all we could to shuttle the public into the grounds.

I hope the public will see that we were all looking out for the interests and safety of the community.

So, for everyone that is upset because of the difficulties in parking please understand we were only trying to help the community.

I also want the community to understand something about Marion County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA)

These people are out there working to help the community in all kinds of weather conditions as VOLUNTEERS. So please, the next time you see us out just remember we are out there helping the community, assisting the police and Sheriff's departments because we WANT to help our community.

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3) Marion County ESDA also has boundaries set by the Region and state that we can not cross. We try to follow the state rules to the best of our abilities. With at said, it brings me to a big issue that I was faced with the night of the first storm that hit of the fair. Since the storm was already in the forecast, and the entertainment for the night was cancelled, I only had 2 other guys working that night, 1 stayed at the fairgrounds and the other along with myself, went on weather watch, meaning we left the grounds, we were not on duty for them, I called the President Doug Telford at 8:34pm to give him an update on the storm and told him he needed to move the people and shut down the rides, he hung up from me and got ahold of the Carnival owner to have the rides and mid-way shut down. 7 minutes after I called Doug, Sheriff Cripps also called him to advise him, Doug let him know that he had already spoken with me and the plan was in motion. The public were getting moved to the shelters by the fair board members. Doug called me at 9:03pm to let me know that all was ok.

Now you may be wondering while I told you all those details, well here is why. There is a Member that sits on this board that think they know all. And thinks they can start drama, with stating "Marion County ESDA Sheri did not do her job, that she was not out here shutting down the carnival. And that they had to make the decision on where a safe place would be for the public to go because Sheri's guy that was out there didn't know and neither did the President of the Board or any other board member. Well, I am here to call BULLSHIT! Mr. Brock Waggoner, you do not know how Marion County ESDA is ran, You do not know the first think about what or how things are set up for the Fairground. So let me make it clear again, The Fairgrounds is a privately owned property. This means I report to the Fair President in an emergency, as I did. Then Doug Telford controls the rest, as he did. He already had doors to the shelter unlocked and also had his wife ready inside the shelter to get the people in. So when you looked me in the face that night just after the storm had settled and told me if anyone had gotten hurt it would be on me, my fault, if you had not made the decision on where the public was to go. Sir, you out right lied. You might have told a couple of people to go to the shelter. BUT you sir did not make that decision. And then to start spreading crap about me and the job I do, Well Sir, I am not afraid of you, I will stand up to you, when it comes to having something to say to you, I will not go behind your back and start drama. If you were a good person as you want people to think you are, you would have spoken to me first, before you opened your mouth to others. Everything I have stated here can be backed up by Doug, Colleen and Sheriff Cripps.

So, Mr. Waggoner, maybe you should focus on getting the issues you think are wrong within your own house, meaning the board, before throwing stones at other people.

I usually keep my thoughts and opinions to myself, but I felt a line had been crossed. When you Sir start putting down Marion County ESDA, We are volunteering our time to do the things we do for the community.

Board members thank you for letting me say what I needed to say.

Correction

Insurance
Marion County
August, 2025
Invoice Amt

Open Invoices by Vendor (APLT20)

Invoice	Inv Date	Due Date	PO Number	Description
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Bank Account Totals				
Bank Account	Account Total	Account Total	Account Total	Account Total
2	2770340516			\$67,542.75

221345 Symetra Financial \$18,596.62
 221344 All Counties Risk Mgmt Trust \$4,085.68

Total \$22,682.30

Grand Total \$90,225.05

MARION COUNTY ESDA Report August 13, 2024

Thank you, Ma'am Chairwoman, Board Members, Media and Guest

My unit and I have assisted in a couple accidents with the Sheriff Dept. this past month. For a total of 26.5 hours with 3 units

Also, as you know the Marion County Fair was July 26th – August 3rd. During that time, we parked approximately 40,000 to 40,500 vehicles. Putting about 162,000 people for the week at the fairgrounds. On Kids Day there were between 700 – 800 kids that attended plus their parents. This does not count the campers and the FFA members. I am happy to say there were no major instances other than a couple trucks and cars getting stuck in the mud due to the storms which made parking a challenge. But that to was worked out and handled with me and the Fair Board President Doug Telford and Kirk Wilkens. We were able to park at the Meador Brothers Trucking Parking lot just across the street from the Fair grounds and at the Orchard Shopping Center also known as Southern Gardens Shopping Center. But on Demo night we had to expand the parking to the Schutt Helmet Factory parking lot. There were shuttles going into these parking lots and brought the people to the front gate. I even got to drive a tractor with a people hauler. (We do whatever we can to help)

My unit and I put in 267.5 hours just at the fair with traffic, this does not include the 2 storms that hit. I had 6 to 10 people every night working doing whatever needed to be done to make sure the fair ran as smoothly as it possibly could.

I just want to say for the record I am very proud of my people.

Being a volunteer for Marion County ESDA is not an easy job, we get called out all hours of the night and day, cold weather and 100-degree weather to do a job for free. I have been asked and so have my team, why do you do all you do for free? That is crazy. Well, our answer is always the same, to be a Volunteer for Marion County ESDA, you need to want to help in a time of need and want to give back to your community. I guess that is why it is so hard to find volunteers.

The Mission of the Marion County ESDA is to develop, coordinate and lead the local program in enabling effective preparation for the county and response to emergencies and disasters to save lives, reduce property loss and stop human suffering.

The Vision of the Marion County ESDA is to strive to be the most effective multi-agency for the Marion County Community at large.

Ask about the part of my Turner/AC System is it approved?

Fw: R & B Bills

Steve Fox <countyclerk@marionco.illinois.gov>

Tue 8/13/2024 9:34 AM

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

Update to the Highway bills.

Thanks,

Steve Fox

From: High Department <highwaydept@marionco.illinois.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 9:30 AM

To: Steve Fox <countyclerk@marionco.illinois.gov>

Subject: Re: R & B Bills

Steve,

\$171,828.59 is correct. I must have forgotten to redo the total after I added the top 2 enteries.

Thanks,

Marilea

From: Steve Fox <countyclerk@marionco.illinois.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:24 AM

To: High Department <highwaydept@marionco.illinois.gov>

Subject: Re: R & B Bills

Good Morning Marilea,

We had a question about the bills before we cut checks today. Under 07 County Motor Fuel Tax Fund the total on the spreadsheet is \$123,823.03. We are only coming up with \$171,828.59 for the total. Would you take a look at it and let me know.

Thanks,

Steve Fox

Marion County Clerk

From: High Department <highwaydept@marionco.illinois.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2024 1:00 PM

To: Lori Linder <llinder@marionco.illinois.gov>; Steve Fox <countyclerk@marionco.illinois.gov>

Subject: R & B Bills

I'm sending the bills so I won't hold you up on getting them entered.

The rest of my packet will have to wait till tomorrow. Mike is out office and he has access to some items I need.

Thanks,

Marilea

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Prior to the invocation, Chairwoman Debbie Smith asked to keep Marion County Board Member Creighton Engel and his family in everyone's prayers. Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Steven Dunahee voiced his concerns with respect to the \$900,000.00 loan that was approved at the Full Board Meeting conducted on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. He stated that information with regards to the increase of the loan was not made available. In addition, Mr. Dunahee expressed apprehension of purchasing a generator for the Marion County Courthouse. Lastly, he addressed his concern with the amount and the duration of the payments for that large of a loan.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that the first distribution of the Property Taxes occurred.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated his displeasure with the conduct of Marion County Board Member, Brock Waggoner at his presentation titled "The Property Tax Cycle." He conveyed that he had sent notification prior to the session that filming would not be allowed. Mr. Waggoner refused to obey this request; therefore, Mr. Miller continued with a question and answer discussion only. He stated that in his opinion that it was very successful. He expressed appreciation to everyone that attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 13, 2024 was made by Steven Bradley with a second by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox stated that there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated August 7, 2024. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Krupp conveyed that a Closed Combined Finance & Insurance and Personnel/Labor Committees Meeting was conducted on August 21, 2024. The FOP Contract negotiations were discussed and are ongoing. In addition, a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting (FY 2025) was held on Monday, August 26, 2024. Supplemental Committee Meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

A copy of Ordinance 2024-03: Authorizing Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair to sign all documents requested by Peoples National Bank for the \$900,000.00 loan approved at the Marion County Board Meeting held August 13, 2024 was distributed prior to the Full Board Meeting. A brief discussion regarding the \$900,000.00 loan with People's National Bank transpired. Prior to the Motion being made, Mr. Krupp shared information and clarification with regards to the amount of the loan. The cost of the windows for the Marion County Courthouse is approximately \$403,000.00, and the windows at the Public Service Building is approximately \$75,000.00. The estimated costs for the Electrical Backup and Generator at the Courthouse had 2 estimated amounts of \$175,000.00 for a smaller version and \$275,000.00 for the larger. A brief explanation of the importance for the Electrical Backup and Generator transpired. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Tyson McHenry questioned how it would be paid. Mr. Krupp conveyed that it would have to be budgeted. In addition, a discussion amongst Board Members transpired regarding the Levy for FY 2024 and FY 2025 and future budgeted monies. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

In conclusion, the FY 2022 Audit is nearing completion.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel was absent. Committee member Deborah Reed conveyed the Committee's report.

Mrs. Reed shared information regarding the asbestos analysis of the windows in the Marion County Courthouse. Information was included in the packet showing that no asbestos was present. A previous analysis was conducted regarding the Marion County Public Service Building windows and also showed no asbestos found.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller stated that the process for the window projects for the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building has begun. The installation may possibly launch in November or December, 2024. Sheriff Kevin Cripps reiterated the necessity to coordinate dates with the Court system and Office Holders in the Marion County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members. Sheriff Cripps had previously given his monthly report but, he reiterated that his Officers had responded to approximately 740 calls and meal cost was \$1.75 per plate. He then stated that there were currently 66 inmates being housed at the Marion County Jail with 36 of them being Federal, 4 Clay County inmates, and 1 Juvenile in custody.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented a brief update regarding her agency. She replicated her report with regards to their work with the Marion County Fair Board and the Marion County Fair. The ESDA Agency will be working at the Patoka and Kinmundy Festivals during the upcoming Labor Day weekend, then the following weekend they will assist at the Antique Power Days in Salem. In addition, Mrs. Barter stated that the coonhunters will be returning on September 15, 2024 and ESDA will be involved with this event. Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour commended her and her Agency, along with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for their work at the Centralia Balloon Fest.

Next, Sheriff Cripps conveyed that Forbes State Park is undergoing renovations and portions of the park will be closed after Labor Day weekend. Lastly, he stated that the School Resource Officer at Patoka and South Central Schools is doing well and is receiving positive results from the staff.

In conclusion, Mrs. Barter presented a brief explanation of Resolution 2024-37: A Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-37 was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He shared information with respect to a few of the items that were discussed. He conveyed that an additional Committee Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Prior to this, Mr. Henson and Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith have a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. with Kory Smith, City Manager of Centralia. The topic of discussion will be the Marion County Animal Control and the City of Centralia contract regarding the animal shelter.

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth said that he had been approached by a citizen of Marion County. This person commended Ken Ferguson, Marion County Control Administrator and for his work with a lost and fostering cat case.

Lastly, Mr. Henson conveyed that a County & Community Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 201 South Pleasant Avenue in Centralia, Illinois referencing a new Polling Location. An Agenda will be issued and posted in the near future.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

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

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was a request for approval of 3 Resolutions.

Marion Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith allowed Adam Smith, Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman to provide an explanation of each Resolution prior to a motion being made.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-34: Resolution Requesting Consent to the Appointment of an Acting County Engineer and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-35: Resolution for Marilea Snow, Interim Marion County Highway Engineer, to receive an additional \$1000 per pay period for compensation until a permanent Highway Engineer is appointed and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-36: Resolution to contract Michael McCormick as a consultant for Marion County Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$60.00 per hour plus mileage if applicable beginning September 1, 2024 and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Bill Henson questioned the duration of Michael McCormick's position. Mr. McCormick responded that he has up to six months to fill this roll, but that in his opinion is that he will not be needed that long. In addition, Mr. McCormick presented a brief description of the job qualifications for the Marion County Highway Department Engineer. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 Nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Steven Bradley along with the Full Board Members commended Michael McCormick for everything that he has done for Marion County during his time as Marion County Highway Department Engineer (12 years).

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated Tuesday, August 13, 2024; a quorum was not met and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Whritenour conveyed that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this Full Board Meeting. The Federal Signal quote of \$27,479.00 for the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control with a future annual fee of \$2,455.00 was discussed and approved to bring before the Full Board for approval. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that after speaking with Sheriff Kevin Cripps regarding the payment, an agreement that the payment can be made from the Safety Tax Fund. A request to the Marion County Municipalities for their contribution to the annual fee will be issued. Steven Whritenour made a Motion to approve the Federal Signal quote for the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control (\$27,479.00) with payment from the Safety Tax Fund and seconded by Bill Henson. Prior to a Roll Call Vote, Committee Member Bill Henson reiterated the importance of this system. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Closed Combined Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance & Insurance Committees Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. regarding the FOP Labor Contract. Negotiations are ongoing.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were not any renewals of the license during the month.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024. Additionally, he communicated that new members are needed.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel was absent, therefore no report was given.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that there was a meeting scheduled this evening. He continued by conveying that a new meeting schedule was approved last week.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that renewal of the Manual Contract was made.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there will be a meeting in September.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp stated that a meeting was conducted on August 8, 2024 regarding Solar Farms.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that a meeting was held last Monday. They are still operating with a skeleton staff. He commended that new director.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 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 Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Creighton Engel, Tyson McHenry and Adam Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth informed the Full Board members and the Public that issues have been raised with respect to Juvenile Detention of where and who gets detained. He stated that this not an issue that the local Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, the State's Attorney's Office, or even the Probation Department decides. It falls under a policy with the State of Illinois. He conveyed that the Juvenile Facilities are becoming more full, especially with the closing of the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. Attorney Hudspeth and Sheriff Kevin Cripps will be having more discussions regarding this complication in the near future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¾%	\$84,944.70	\$90,304.39
1%	\$34,570.67	\$37,862.27

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

Mr. Fox continued by conveying that correspondence from Marion County Housing Authority has been received requesting the reappointment of Marva Bledsoe as the Marion County Housing Board Commissioner, whose term will expire on September 24, 2024. A motion to reappoint Marva Bledsoe for a term of September 24, 2024 through September 24, 2029 was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Combined Committee Meeting with the Building & Historical Committee was conducted on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. The subject of the meeting was the Elected Officials Priority List. Additional meetings will be scheduled and then more information will be brought before the Full Board.

Approval of Bills

General: \$100,271.13 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$27,231.07 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$372,433.61 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner once again questioned the total. Committee Chairman reiterated that the IMRF is totaled separately on the report. Marion County Chairwoman stated "So noted." Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Budget FY 2025) dated Monday, August 26, 2026 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued by conveying that a Closed Combined Finance & Insurance and Personnel/Labor Relations Committees Meeting was conducted on Monday, September 9, 2024.

New business was then discussed, starting with Ordinance 2024-04: Authorizing an Installment Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Certain Capital Projects of the County and Authorizing the Issuance of Debt Certificates in the Amount not to Exceed \$900,000.00. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner voiced his dilemmas with the Ordinance. For example, he felt that it was pertaining to a "Slush Fund" and not having specifics for its expenditures. He also expressed his concerns with regards to how are the payments going to be made. Mr. Waggoner followed by discussing his apprehensiveness with utilizing XT Solutions technical support appropriately. He focused on not having Excel and his conflict with Chairwoman Mrs. Smith regarding not having the ability to do the spreadsheet for the Codification Project. An additional disagreement transpired between

Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Brock Waggoner with Mrs. Smith stating "So noted" and "Out of Order" several times and Mr. Waggoner continuing to speak. He relayed that he feels that the Board "is not doing things in proper order" and "needs to make a change." Chairwoman Debbie Smith attempted to proceed with the meeting. Mr. Waggoner continued and stated "Point of Order" with Mrs. Smith replying with "So Noted." Mrs. Smith requested a Motion to Move On. Sharon Woodward made that motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Mr. Waggoner interrupted and asked what they are moving on from and continued to speak. Mrs. Smith reiterated that Mr. Waggoner had missed the 2 meetings prior where the Board had approved the loan and that this was the final paperwork for the process. Debate if the motion was "to close discussion or to move on" occurred. Roll Call Vote was taken to move on. 7 ayes – 5 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Bill Henson, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed. Bill Henson had questions prior to his vote and were clarified by Christopher Krupp. Steven Whritenour also had questions and stated that he wanted more discussion regarding the Ordinance. Following the Roll Call Vote, Mr. Waggoner insisted that the Board proceed with the request for approval of Ordinance 2024-04: Authorizing an Installment Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Certain Capital Projects of the County and Authorizing the issuance of Debt Certificates in the Amount not to Exceed \$900,000.00. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth clarified that any wording can be put into a Resolution/Ordinance, and a brief discussion followed. People's National Bank prepared this specific Ordinance. Mr. Krupp stated that in the future he would like for the Resolutions/Ordinances for the County to indicate what the purpose of the monies is for to aid in preventing the confusion of a "Slush Fund."

Next, Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38: Permanent Parcel Number: 10-14-203-001 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and Resolution 2024-39: Permanent Parcel Number: 11-00-011-855 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$1179.88 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Brock Waggoner again questioned if a Roll Call Vote was needed, and Marion County Clerk Steve Fox reiterated that it is not. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "So noted."

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell reported that the FY 2022 Audit is still being processed. Brock Waggoner had questions regarding the time that it is taking to complete. Reconciliation of figures and more information are needed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Chairman Creighton Engel was absent and Acting Chairwoman Deborah Reed proceeded with the Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$43,209.72 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Acting Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed stated that a Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting was conducted on September 4, 2024. A spreadsheet regarding the

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Elected Officials' Priority List that was presented and discussed at that meeting were provided in the Full Board Meeting Packet for this evening's meeting. Mrs. Reed explained that Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary will maintain the spreadsheet and any additions or comments can be conveyed to her. She will then present them to Mrs. Reed.

A Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$151,086.72 Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps clarified that this amount does include the purchase of a new SUV for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. He stated that the average costs per inmate's meal was \$2.31. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that today TOPS Electric & Lighting connected the refrigerators and freezers to the Electric Backup and Generator. It was discovered that they were not covered during the previous electrical storm outage, but no issues with the foods occurred at that time. The Jail currently has 54 inmates with 37 being Federal and 2 Juveniles currently.

Lastly, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator contacted him and expressed that she would not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson requested a Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Minutes dated August 27, 2024. Jack Riley made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills: \$33,779.05 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that he picked up 15 dogs and 1 pig. In addition, he stated that he rounded up 11 goats and herded them back to their pen and chased raccoons. Mr. Henson reiterated that Mr. Ferguson will be having knee replacement surgery later this month. Additional discussion will be taking place with the Committee regarding his daughter filling in during this time.

Next, Committee Member Brock Waggoner was given the floor to present an explanation for the request for a new polling facility at the Trinity Lutheran Church Extension Building, 1417 East McCord Street, Centralia, Illinois. A meeting with no quorum was conducted on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Committee Members Jack Riley and Brock Waggoner, along with Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder attended. Measurements and observations were recorded by Marion County Clerk Steve Fox, with the help from Marion County Clerk employee Rob Barton, on a polling place accessibility survey (included in the Full Board Meeting Packet). The building was found to be an appropriate polling

County & Community Committee – Continued:

facility. Brock Waggoner made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-40: Fixing and Establishing a Polling Place for Holding Elections and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing, Chairman Bill Henson stated that an additional County & Community Committee Meeting was held prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting. He presented a brief discussion of this meeting.

A few items to be purchased for Marion County Animal Control were requested and brought before the Full Board for approval.

Bill Henson made a motion to approve the purchase of a cell phone for the Animal Control Officer at the current Verizon rate and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Bill Henson made a motion to approve the purchase of a RexID Pet Microchip Scanner for the price of \$249.99 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Mr. Henson conveyed that he and Committee Member Tracy Murray are going to look at a dog box for Marion County Animal Control, and if appropriate they will purchase it for a cost of \$300.00. Mr. Ferguson's current dog box is in despair and needs to be replaced.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that the documents are in the process of being prepared to forward to American Legal Publishing.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$1,060,495.52 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, an explanation of the inflated total was given. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley presented four Resolutions. He gave an explanation of each and questions were answered.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-41: Bid Approval to C Hill Civil Contractors, Inc., Range Road 22-15006-00-BR \$445,555.00 and was seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-42: ROW Permit - Wabash Communications Kinoka Road and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-43: ROW Permit - Raccoon Water Company, Kinmundy Road and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-44: ROW Permit – Ervin Cable Construction, Green Street and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow presented the Highway Department's Monthly Report. In addition, she provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting's Packet (see attachment).

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Steven Whritenour made a Motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated Tuesday, August 27, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control Contract was approved and Braniff has been contacted and it has been officially ordered.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent; therefore, Committee Member Christopher Krupp presented the Committee's Report. He stated that a Closed Combined Finance & Insurance and Personnel/Labor Relations Committees Meeting was conducted on Monday, September 9, 2024. The FOP Contract Negotiations are continuing. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 has been canceled and rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were no renewed their liquor license.

Prior to adjournment of the Meeting, Tracy Murray questioned if his Marion County Payroll Receipt could be emailed to him. Marion County Clerk stated that it could be done. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder would be the person issuing them via email, but will still have to use the United Postal Service for the remaining receipts and checks unless notified.

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

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Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

Marion County Board Chairwoman announced that Board Member Brock Waggoner is appearing via Zoom for tonight's meeting.

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

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RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

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THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Libby Moeller, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Deputy Director was given the floor. She introduced Tavan Hiestand, CASA Program Director for Marion and Clinton Counties. An informative pamphlet was distributed prior to the meeting (see attachment). Ms. Hiestand delivered a presentation and conveyed the importance of CASA in Marion County for the children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect. Marion County currently has 244 children residing in Foster Care in which CASA is serving 80 children and 35 families. Consideration for support from the Marion County Board and allocating funds to CASA was requested.

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Next, State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth expressed his endorsement of CASA. He addressed the Opioid Settlement funds and how it could be used. A List of Opioid Remediation Uses handout was included in the Full Board Meeting Packet. Attorney Hudspeth encouraged a donation to CASA and support of their services. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to contribute a \$25,000.00 donation to CASA and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Elected Officials were given an opportunity to address the Board.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated that a presentation titled "The Property Tax Cycle" will be taking place on September 26, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. at the Centralia American Legion. He continued by conveying that he had a ZOOM meeting today with Trueroll, a company that reviews property tax exemptions. He had hired the company and is funding their services through the GIS funds. The company was able to return \$1.7 million in equalized assessed valuation to the tax rolls

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Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated September 4, 2024 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, the FY 2022 Audit is ongoing.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that Sheriff Kevin Cripps was absent, but that he had relayed that there was nothing new to report.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her monthly report. Her agency had worked with Raccoon School during their Grandparent's Day, the Applefest in Salem, the Youth and Senior Coonhunters Hunt at the Fairgrounds, the Drew Baldrige Bonfire Concerts, and the luka Demolition Derby on Saturday morning. She proceeded to convey that they are scheduled to help with the Dustin Rhodes' Memorial in Odin this upcoming weekend. ESDA had also assisted the Marion County Sheriff's Office with an overturned semi accident on the Route 161 Extension. Mrs. Barter relayed that in October the Agency is scheduled to assist with the Little Egypt Parade and with Halloween Events in Salem.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson was absent.

County & Community Committee Member Tracy Murray presented the Committee's report.

Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 10, 2024 was made by Tracy Murray and was seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Murray conveyed that a meeting with the City of Centralia, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Committee Chairman Bill Henson occurred regarding the Animal Control Contract and a report will be given at a future meeting. In addition, Mr. Henson and Mr. Murray are anticipated to attend informal meetings in Fayette and Clinton Counties to discuss Animal Control in their counties.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that there was nothing new to report.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel stated that an additional Combined Committee Meeting with the Finance & Insurance Committee was conducted on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Building & Historical Co-chairwoman Deborah Reed conveyed that the topic of discussion was the Elected Official's Priority List. A revised copy of the list prioritizing the projects was distributed and discussed. The revised copy will be sent out to the Full Board Members with their Marion County Board Payroll for this month.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley was absent; therefore, no report was given.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that a Closed Combined Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance & Insurance Committees Meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. regarding the FOP Labor Contract. Negotiations are ongoing.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were not any renewals of the license during the month.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting is scheduled for December, 2024.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell is attending the meeting scheduled this evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a meeting is scheduled Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. at the Centralia Chamber of Commerce.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there was a meeting conducted last Monday. She conveyed that reorganization is occurring with the new agent. Their Budget was also approved.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp stated that the next meeting is scheduled for November, 2024.

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Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith was absent; therefore, no report was given.

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

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

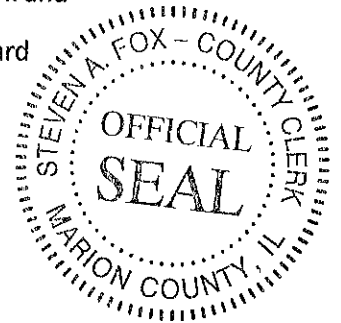
Time: 7:12 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 10/8/24

Steve Fox

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



9-24-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Jeff Sel

Jeanne Dunahoe
Jeff

Wayne J. Walker
Theresa Dunahoe

Randy Kemper

Sheri Butler Marion Co. ESA

Sue Hackett

Mark Miller

Jim

Tracy Hackett

Karna Dunham

W. Miller

Mark Dunham

MARK MILLER

Jason M. S. G.

Josh Rely

Shawn Woodward

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Libby Moeller

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Bob Reed

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Cindy Webb

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Dave Lossi

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COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

Children and Youth in Care in Marion County as of 8/31/2024: 234*

88 FOSTER HOME 134 RELATIVE HOME 10 GROUP HOME 2 OTHER**

- CASA of South Central Illinois was established in 2019 and started serving children in 2020
- volunteer based organization, 501c3, operates by state statute
- member of Illinois CASA Association and National CASA/GAL Association
- began steps towards regionalization in fall of 2023 to merge with CASA of Effingham County and CASA of Franklin and Hamilton Counties, including expansion into Clay, Fayette and Jasper counties, this effort is almost complete and will soon operate as CASA for Kids
- diverse revenue streams support our 501c3: pass thru funding from Illinois CASA, federal grants, county support, corporate donations, private donations and fundraising events
- spending is prioritized on maximizing talent in each local county, technology for staffers and volunteers to carry out their work and travel to ensure child visits every 30 days per National CASA standards

CASA of South Central Illinois/Current Marion County Program Stats:

# of Children Serving	80
# of Families	35
# of Children being Serving w/ Volunteers	48
# of Children being Served by Staff	32

2 Full Time Local Staffers:

Program Director, 80% Marion County/20% Clinton County
Lead Supervisor 100% Marion County

Local In-Kind Donation:

Grace United Methodist Church provides all office space and utilities for local staff

*Illinois DCFS website **OTHER examples: college, independent living

The goal of CASA for Kids is to help build stronger families and stronger communities.

We are dedicated to providing highly trained volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect.

Often times when a family experiences chronic crisis, child welfare services may need to intervene. We work collaboratively by recruiting, training and supporting volunteers who are community members from all walks of life. We seek to serve 100% of children and youth in care in our communities.

CASA volunteers work cooperatively with the Juvenile Court System to ensure prompt delivery of services and to make independent recommendations to the court concerning the child or youth's well-being. CASA volunteers stay with each case until it is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home. CASA volunteers work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators, and service providers to ensure that the courts have all the information they need to make the best decision for the child.

Tavan Hiestand, Program Director
Alex Coleman, Lead Supervisor
Libby Moeller, Deputy Director
Mariah Hayes, Executive Director

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MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 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 Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Tyson McHenry, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Creighton Engel (arrived late), Bill Henson, Steven Whritenour and Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith introduced Liam Mungovan, Superintendent Veterans Assistance Commission of Franklin County and Robert Shehorn of the Centralia American Legion and President of the Centralia VAC. A handout (see attachment) was distributed to each Board Member and, Mr. Shehorn continued to explain that their presence is to request the re-establishment of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) in Marion County. This is a County requirement by Illinois State Law. Both gentlemen expressed the importance of reinstating the program. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that further discussion and possible action will occur at a future Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting. All information and consideration with regards to this program will be conveyed to the Full Board and Mr. Shehorn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Miller requested that the minutes include that Mr. Miller stated "that there would be no video recording during his Property Tax Cycle presentation," which was a private type of event. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "so noted," and continued with the Voice Vote. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed. *Waggoner*

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$85,276.58	\$82,499.62
1%	\$50,600.04	\$44,033.33

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$98,726.40 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned a \$550.00 personal bill from Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments. Mr. Waggoner expressed his opinion for not paying the bill due. He recalled that Mr. Miller had stated that the Property Tax Cycle presentation was a personal work product; therefore, it should not be a reimbursable bill. He continued to convey that he has been denied "presentation material, specific a power point." Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "so noted" and relayed that it had been released to the public. Mr. Waggoner was persistent with his displeasure of accepting the bill. He relayed that he has text messages from Mr. Miller and could share them with the Board Members. He noted that "Mr. Miller threatened to have him walked out by the Sheriff's Deputy that was in attendance at a prior meeting that he had attended and recorded." Mr. Waggoner continued to raise his concerns regarding violations with First Amendment Rights and State Laws. In conclusion, he reiterated that "the bill is not a County reimbursable bill." Mrs. Smith stated "so noted" and attempted to continue with the Roll Call vote. Mr. Waggoner interjected and was told that he was Out of Order. He insisted that Mr. Miller needs to be present to explain the reason for submitting the bill, and made an Amended Motion to exclude Mr. Miller's bill. Discussion with regards to accepting the Amended Motion transpired. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth clarified this matter. A Motion to accept the Amended Motion was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Sharon Woodward). Motion passed. A Roll Call Vote on approving the General Bills with the exception of Mr. Miller's bill occurred. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$60,043.25 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the 2 Symetra Financial bills. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk clarified that it may be due to the billing cycle. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$703,177.03 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2024 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-45: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-20-003-495 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law, Resolution 2024-46: Permanent Parcel Number: 11-00-008-760 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law, and Resolution 2024-47: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-044-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$638.72 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned why the County is just now receiving these. State's Attorney Tim

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Hudspeth explained the procedure. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Following, State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented a brief description of Resolution 2024-48: State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Agreement. He did express that there is an increase in payment to \$22,000.00 for FY2025, and would like the payment to be held until after December 1, 2024. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned since the Resolution’s number is 2024 could it still be paid from the FY2025 Budget. Attorney Hudspeth verified that it could be done without any issues. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-48 with having payment made after December 1, 2024 for FY2025 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp allowed Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell to address the City Intergovernmental Agreement with Marion County. Board Member Jack Riley requested to add “City of Salem” to the Agreement and was accepted. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the City of Salem Intergovernmental Agreement with Marion County and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing, the Veterans Assistance Commission was previously addressed and discussed during this meeting. Mr. Krupp will follow through with gathering information with regards to this matter and will relay it when available.

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that the FY2025 Budget is approximately \$1 million in the hole. Lowering the Building Repair and Maintenance Fund is being looked at to decrease this amount and also any unrecorded revenue. This procedure is ongoing.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp reported that the FY 2022 Audit is still being processed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Chairman Creighton Engel was absent and Acting Chairwoman Deborah Reed proceeded with the Committee’s report.

Approval of Bills: \$31,318.69 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Acting Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed stated that the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2024 were previously approved.

In conclusion, Mrs. Reed conveyed that the window project is anticipated to begin in November or early December, 2024. She reiterated that a copy of the Building Projects was mailed out to each of the Board Members.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent and Committee Member Steven Bradley proceeded with the Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$138,323.69 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call, Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions for Sheriff Kevin Cripps regarding the 2 Flock Safety bills. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that payments will be taken from the Drug Fund and are for a camera system (license plate readers). They are considered a Crime Fighting Tool and do not check speeds. Vote Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 55 inmates with 36 being Federal and 1 Juvenile. Housing for Juveniles remains an ongoing issue, but the Department is doing the best they can under the circumstances. Lastly, Sheriff Cripps informed the Board of an upcoming issue regarding the Advanced Health Care Contract and increasing their rate by approximately \$70,000.00. They now require having RNs instead of LPNs present at the facility 5 days a week and a Doctor on call 24 hours a day. This item will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting.

Lastly, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her monthly report. She conveyed that the Agency recently worked at the Little Egypt Festival and the Fall Brawl Marion County Demo Derby. She stated that upcoming events include Halloween Patrol in Salem, Patrol for the Halloween Festivities and Parade in Centralia, and the Sandoval Homecoming. She has hired 3 new ^{volunteers} members with this making her a total of 14 for the Marion County ESDA Agency. In closing her report, she relayed that she will be donating her remaining COVID supplies to the Hurricane victims in ^{South} Carolina.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson was absent and Committee Member Tracy Murray proceeded with the Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$7,410.54 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned a bill submitted by Marion County Clerk Steve Fox from the Westside Storage Centralia. Mr. Fox conveyed that it contains the Voting Booths for Centralia. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that he picked up 10 dogs and 1 owl. The owl had been hit by a car and was sent to a rescue facility. In addition, he stated that he had received several telephone calls from concerned citizens regarding the City of Centralia not accepting animals from Marion County due to lack of space and from the municipalities. This is a serious matter and is currently being addressed. A County & Community Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Representatives from the Municipalities within Marion County have been invited and the public is being encouraged to attend. Committee Member Tracy Murray conveyed that Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Committee Chairman Bill Henson recently met with the City of Centralia regarding their Animal Control Agreement with Marion County. The monthly fees were discussed. The City of Centralia is currently charging Marion County \$3,200 a month for housing animals from unincorporated areas, but is wanting to increase this charge to \$6,202.50 per month. Incorporated areas are still not included in their services. Mr. Murray and Committee Chairman Bill Henson have met with the Fayette County Animal Control and will be

County & Community Committee – Continued:

meeting with Clinton County's also to gather information and get their input with regards to resolving Marion County's issues. All information will be taken into consideration and additional particulars are forthcoming.

A copy of the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois was not appropriately scanned into the Full Board Meeting's packet. Tracy Murray made a Motion to table the review and approval of the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that documents remain in the process of being prepared and forwarded to American Legal Publishing. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned if payments will be made in FY2024. Mr. Waggoner conveyed that the payments are to be made in a 40%, 40%, and 20% schedule. The initial payment has been made with the others to be made as the project progresses; therefore, the charges will be carried over in the FY2025 Budget.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$374,604.81 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley presented two Resolutions. Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow gave an explanation of each and questions were answered.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-49: Agreement for County Bridge Project/Clinton County 24-02018-00-BR and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-50: Bid Approval-RRX 22-01020-00-FL Basom/Curry Road, C-Hill Civil Contractors, INC., 14 Dean Street, Campbell Hill, IL 62916. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow presented the Highway Department's Monthly Report. In addition, she provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting's Packet (see attachment). Board Member Tyson McHenry voiced concerns regarding no signage for closure on Meridian Road, Sandoval, Illinois. Mrs. Snow stated that it has been corrected. Sheriff Kevin Cripps announced that if anyone sees an issue with signage to contact his office, and he will see that it is rectified. In addition, Mr. McHenry had questions in regards to the repairs to Range Road, Odin, Illinois. Mrs. Snow responded that the contractors working on the Green Street and Odin Road project are the same; therefore, she does not have a time frame of when they will get to it because they are continuing the work on that operation. Board Member Brock Waggoner commended Mrs. Snow for her written report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent; therefore, nothing new was reported.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Closed Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting regarding FOP Negotiations was conducted on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. The agreement is anticipated to be completed in the near future and will be presented to the Full Board. Board Member Brock Waggoner requested that a copy to be approved be issued to the Board Members earlier than the Friday prior to the Meeting. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that it has the ability of being accomplished.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Committee Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were no renewed their liquor license.

Prior to adjournment of the Meeting, Christopher Krupp announced that referring back to the Veterans Assistance Commission, the property taxes on a \$100,000.00 home would increase approximately \$8.00.

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.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:57 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 10/22/24

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



Full Board Meeting

Guests

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CHRIS KEUFF
Rob Reed

Kevin Capps - Sheriff

Shawn Woodward

Debbie Smith

DALE CLIFTON

Steve Bell

John Jones

Bill Smith

Diam Mungovan

Neil Butey Marion Co. ES&A. Coord.

Diana H. H. H.

Robert Shehorn

Ronald L. Allen

Ben Davis

James W.

John W.

Jim R.

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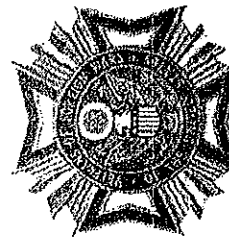
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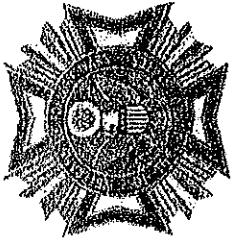
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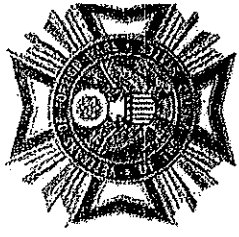
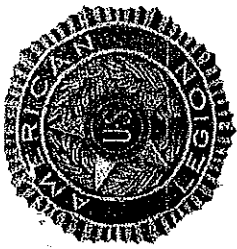
Veterans Assistance Commission of Marion County

October 8, 2024



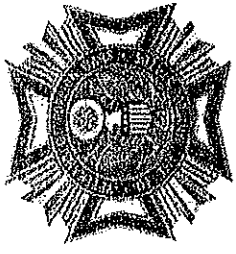
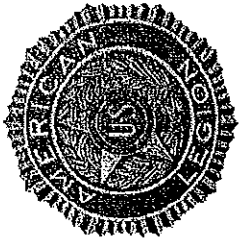
Organization

- Comprised of majority of the Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) in Marion County: American Legion Post #446 Centralia, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #76 Centralia, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2055, Centralia.
- Each VSO has a delegate and an alternate.
- Veteran Assistance Commission Board is comprised of President, Vice President, and Treasurer/Secretary.
- We will have a Superintendent run the daily operations and serve as the Veteran Service Officer for Marion County Veterans.
- The county may appoint a representative to the Commission who may attend any public meetings of the Commission. That representative shall be a veteran, may not have voting rights or hold any office or title on the Commission, and may not be present during any nonpublic meeting of the Commission, except authorized.



Purpose

- Promote the welfare of the veterans of the uniformed services of the United States of America whose final discharge is honorable or general under honorable conditions, and those authorized by the board, to include their families as governed by 330 Illinois Compiled Statutes /45 et seq. (as amended by P.A. 102-0732) entitled, "Military Veterans Assistance Act" of the Illinois Revised Statutes to include revisions and future amendments thereto by providing the just, necessary, and needed services and assistance to veterans, their families, and the families of deceased veterans.
- Act as a central service office for all veterans, their families, and the families of deceased veterans residing in the County of Marion.
- Have the oversight of the distribution of all relief and supplies and services that may be appropriated for the benefit of veterans, their families, and the families of deceased veterans.
- Administer and process all Federal and State government claims for veteran benefits.
- Administer all of the programs provided in Article VI and IX of the Illinois Public Aid Code, 305 ILCS 5 et seq., as commanded in 305 ILCS 5/12-3.



Marion County Board Request

- Seek to be formally recognized by Marion County Board per ILCS 330/45.
- Request an office in a county building or central location to be used solely by the commission to carry out its assistance work and to provide funding for furnishings, supplies and services, including by not limited to, human resources and payroll support, information technology services and equipment, printing services and equipment, postage cost and liability insurance per provisions of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/1-1001 et seq.) and public act 102-1132 (HB 2369).
- Request tax levy of 0.0289% assessed value of the taxable property (per 55 ILCS 5/5-2006) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-2006) in the county for funding Marion County Veterans Assistance Commission budget.
- Seek to work with Marion County Board to positively impact the lives and welfare of the veterans and their families of Marion County while providing a financial benefit for the Marion County community.

*Marion County Highway Department
901 West Elm Street
Salem, Illinois 62881
Phone 618-548-3887
Fax 618-548-3895*

Attn: Steven Bradley, Road & Bridge Chairman

County Highway Department Monthly Report

Maintenance Crew is continuing with fall mowing back of Right of Ways as well as continuing with regular road maintenance.

Construction continues on Green Steet and Odin Road.

Green Street 65% complete

Odin Road Bridge 65% complete

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:32 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

Prior to Roll Call being taken, Board Chairman Debbie Smith conveyed an explanation for relocating the Full Board Meeting to Courtroom 302.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Bob Wright stated that he had previously attended a meeting and voiced his concerns with the Tonti (Bee Branch) Road and Kinmundy Road intersection. He conveyed that his telephone number was taken and he never received a call from the Marion County Highway Department. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder verified that she had notified the Department, and that she will reach out again to the Interim Highway Engineer, Marilea Snow and have her contact Mr. Wright. Additionally, he inquired the amount of money that the County has at this time. Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell responded that the current balance for all of Marion County is approximately \$30 million. See attachment regarding spending from accounts regulated by statute.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that the reminders for delinquent Property Taxes have been distributed. He stated that he had sent postcards to help lessen the County's expense of the certified notices and the publishing in the newspapers.

Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker confirmed with the Board that the application for the ADA Grant has been forwarded and she is awaiting a response. An additional grant has been brought to her attention, and she will relay more information as soon as it is available.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated that he would address the issue with the check from the previous meeting at this time or with the Finance portion of this meeting or the first meeting in November with the bills. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that he could continue to address the matter since it had been paid. County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned why it had been paid when it had not been approved at the meeting conducted on October 8, 2024. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith then stated that it would be addressed during the Finance & Insurance Committee portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 8, 2024 with the following corrections and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Mr. Waggoner noted that the name "Brock Miller" needs to be changed to "Brock Waggoner," and that he wanted to clarify that Mr. Miller stated that it was a personal work product, not him. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated "so noted." In addition, Law Enforcement Chairman Steven Whritenour relayed that Sheri Barter, ESDA Coordinator requested a correction; "She has 3 new 'volunteers' not 'hires.'" Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that a letter from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller was received requesting to appoint John Gaston to the Board of Review for a 2-year term to expire in October, 2025. He will be replacing Board of Review member Wayne Walker whose term is expiring this month. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to appoint John Gaston and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Tyson McHenry questioned the procedure for finding a candidate for this position. Mr. Miller presented a detailed explanation, which included that the State is restricting their qualifications for Board of Review's members. Board Member Brock Waggoner challenged if there was a conflict of interest with Mr. Gaston currently serving on the Salem Grade School Board. Mr. Miller stated that he feels that it does not exist, because each Board of Review member "takes an oath to fairly assess every property." Mr. Waggoner continued to disclose that he felt that there were other individuals that should have been considered. An audience member, Josh Dunahee announced that he would be interested. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith advised everyone that the Full Board Meeting was in session, and there should not be any audience participation unless they are addressed. Board Member Sharon Woodward expressed her support for Mr. Gaston. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry) – 1 Abstain (Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 8, 2024 and was seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing, Mr. Krupp addressed the bill and payment regarding Marion County Supervisor of Assessment Mark Miller's presentation "The Property Tax Cycle." He conveyed that his understanding was that the Board discussed if the check was County business without a final decision. According to the minutes, the bills were approved minus Mr. Miller's bill. Mr. Miller was allowed to speak. He explained that the check had been paid out of the GIS fund and does not require previous Board approval. He reiterated that the monies in this fund is not from County Property Taxes, but from recordings. He

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

continued by explaining how he has saved the County a substantial amount of money by utilizing this fund. A thorough debate transpired with respect to the issue of it being used for a personal or as a County expense. Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions regarding a previous discussion he had with Mr. Miller about it being a personal presentation. Mr. Miller responded that it started that way, but not at the conclusion. During Mr. Miller's response he was interrupted by Mr. Waggoner, and Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith gavelled him down. Mr. Miller attempted to continue with Mr. Waggoner interjecting. Mrs. Smith and fellow Board Members Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith made efforts to quiet Mr. Waggoner while Mr. Miller spoke. Mr. Miller described how the presentation became a County project. It is currently available for the public to view by various means. Mr. Waggoner was persistent in wanting an answer to why he was not provided the Power Point from Mr. Miller. A debate regarding the opposing arguments continued. During this time, Board Member Steven Whritenour asked Chairwoman Debbie Smith a question which Mr. Waggoner expressed his annoyance. Mr. Whritenour explained that he was asking what were State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth's thoughts with this matter. Mr. Waggoner continued to interject and was gavelled down again by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith directly asked Mr. Miller what was Attorney Hudspeth's response to him. Mr. Miller stated, "I am perfectly legal to have spent \$550.00 for the presentation because it is now property of the County; of the Supervisor of Assessments Office." Mr. Miller clarified that Mr. Waggoner's FOIA request was for a copy of the presentation not the Power Point, and that a copy of the presentation is available via video. At the conclusion of the lengthy discussion, Mr. Waggoner stated "Mr. Miller, you have gotten away with what I consider highway robbery of \$550.00 of people's money. We will leave it at that."

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that the FY 2025 Budget is still in the process of being completed. A Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting is to be conducted next week.

The FY 2022 Audit update included that information has been forwarded with the exception of one account to the Auditors for its completion. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that WIPFLI has all of the documents for the FY 2023 Audit.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel was present for the Committee's report.

Dr. Engel allowed Committee member Deborah Reed to continue with the information regarding the sidewalk on the North side of the Courthouse. There is a 55-foot area that is in need of an emergency repair. Four contractors were contacted for bids, and Shores Builders' proposal of \$8,200.00 was the lowest received. Mrs. Reed stated that during the last Full Board Meeting approval of receiving TIF monies (\$8,000.00) from the City of Salem occurred and will be used to pay for this project with an additional \$200.00 from the Building Fund. Deborah Reed made a Motion to approve the Shores Builders bid of \$8,200.00 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions; which Mrs. Reed responded. The ownership of the sidewalk remains undetermined, but with someone being injured in the area that needs repaired, the decision was made for the County to proceed with the project. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Advanced Correctional Healthcare Contract included in the Full Board Meeting's packet. Sheriff Cripps presented a description of the changes to the contract. The cost increase is due to the Sheriff's office

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

currently required to have a RN (previously was a LPN) on staff and be available 5 days a week, which can reduce the trips to the hospital and/or emergency room. In addition, a doctor will be on call 24 hours a day per the contract. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that the current annual cost of \$187,709.00 will be increased to \$253,893.00. Board Member Christopher Krupp had a question regarding the coverage dates of this contract. Sheriff Cripps explained that it will be retroactive to February, 2024. Board Member Brock Waggoner inquired if RNs are currently working at the facility, and this was affirmed. Additionally, Board Member Tyson McHenry questioned if other agencies were available for this type of coverage. Board Member Bill Henson, who has experience with the topic, responded that other companies do exist, but this is the best match for Marion County. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Advance Correctional Healthcare, Inc. contract and was seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Next, Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2025 Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois which was tabled on October 8, 2024 and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if the Courthouse is going to be open on Friday, December 26, 2025. Marion County Circuit Clerk clarified that determination is in accordance to the Court's schedule and the final approval will come from the Chief Judges Office. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Bill Henson conveyed that the proposed Animal Control Contract with the City of Centralia is under review by Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. He stated that he is not pleased with the proposal, but further negotiations may occur. A copy will be emailed to the Full Board members as soon as Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder receives it in her office.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that the project remains on-going.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that an agreement on the Illinois FOP Labor Counsel Contract for an additional 4 years had been made. He welcomed members of the department. Sheriff Kevin Cripps was allowed to address the Full Board regarding this matter. He provided information regarding the established pay raises. Mr. Smith commended the Sheriff's staff. Board Member Steven Whritenour affirmed the difficulty in finding people to work for the police departments. He continued to voice that the terms for the wages are compatible with other agencies in

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee – Continued:

the area and are well deserved. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Illinois FOP Labor Counsel Contract and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner communicated his displeasure with only having a week to review the contract. He had previously asked for 2 weeks. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated “So noted.” Mr. Waggoner continued to interject. Board Member Adam Smith attempted to calm Mr. Waggoner without success. Mrs. Smith conveyed to Mr. Waggoner that he was “Out of Order” as he continuously interrupted. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that she attended a ZOOM Meeting and will give a report as soon as more information is available.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were not any renewals of liquor license during the month.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024. Additionally, he communicated that there remains a need for 2 new members.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting. He conveyed that the department is doing well.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that he attended a meeting last month. He continued by conveying that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Steven Whritenour and Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that they were unable to attend the last meeting; therefore, nothing new was reported.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued:

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that a meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024.

BCMW

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

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

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:32 P.M.

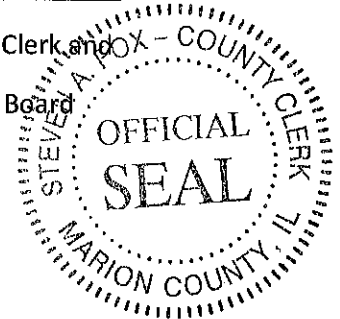
Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 11-12-24

Steve Fox

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



10/22/24

Full Board Meeting

** New Location - Courtroom 302 **

Guests

Bob Reed

Jim Pate

Bill Peterson

Wayne Reed

Tyson McElroy

Paul Hill

Paul Sullivan

Marye Kemp

Clare Howe

Jim

~~James~~

Sharon Nunakoe

Jay

Debbie Smith

Bill Smith

David Rossi

Wayne Smith

Jim

Sybil Parker

~~John~~

John Elling

John

Anthony

Cory Parker

Kurt

~~SSD~~

Tom D

Mark

Sharon Wagner

John

Gene White

MARK MILLER

Ross Smith

Paul Jones

Tom

John

Bruce

Cory

John

John

Marion County, IL Bank Accounts 10/26/ 2024

First Financial Bank

Collectors Account	\$ 1.93
County Clerk Document Storage	\$ 42,843.94
Payroll-Payables	\$ 267,143.95
General Fund	\$ 2,209,002.60
Township MFT	\$ 2,243,003.86
Health Department	\$ 1,109,291.95
Public Safety Tax	\$ 644,369.86
County Clerk Recording	\$ 8,999.49
Township Bridge	\$ 407,668.14
HRA-Consociate	\$ 532.95
Violent Victims Grant	\$ 23,502.59

Peoples State Bank

County Collector's Account	\$ 15,391,579.18
Joint Bridge Fund	\$ 1,170,339.96
County Motor Fuel Fund	\$ 1,168,021.59
County Highway Fund	\$ 730,174.21
Rapid Relief Grant	\$ 137,020.26
Court Document Storage Fees	\$ 116,131.42
Corners Fees	\$ 9,937.21
Potential Equity Tax Surplus Property	\$ 6,345.04

People National Bank

Chapter 13 Bankruptcy	\$ 5,089.31
Collectors Account	\$ 2.61
Autoagent Account	\$ 225,349.76
Energy Transfer Crude Oil	\$ 70,919.20
Treasurer Trust Fund	\$ 98,554.98
County Clerk Fund	\$ 31,276.92
Federal Aide Matching	\$ 2,221,344.65
Corner Death Certificate	\$ 6,065.30
Probation Fund	\$ 106,276.21
Probation Service	\$ 681,840.90
Courthouse/Public Service Bldg. Improv. Project	\$ 35,100.00
Automation Fund circuit Clerk	\$ 72,080.99
Drug Forfeiture / Opioid Fund	\$ 214,928.20
Collectors Automation Fund	\$ 4,790.62
Assessments GIS Account	\$ 178,391.69
Self-Funded health Ins. Acct.	\$ 158,259.03

Community Partners Saving Bank

Collectors Account	\$4.96
Mental Health Fund	\$ 164,404.85
Indemnity Fund	\$ 386,176.20
Debt Certificates (Boiler/AC Loan)	\$ 25,522.54
Probation Fund	\$150,027.44

Iuka State Bank

Collectors Account	\$ 3.08
Drug Court Fund	\$ 51,934.12
FTA Warrant Fee	\$ 35,821.75
Monthly Payment Program	\$ 3.20
Sex offender Registration Fund	\$ 13,716.20
Health Dept. Building Improvements	\$ 142,966.32

PMA- IPrime

Health Department Investment	\$ 78,407.10
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Charles Schwab (North Shore Private Asset Management)

- General County Funds \$ 247,207.08

The Illinois Funds

Marion County	\$ 1,060,822.59
Township Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 0.00
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 0.00

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund

Contingency Fund	\$ 764,993.34
Capital Expenditures	\$ 239,814.63
Marion County Health Dept.	\$ 372,326.22
Court Document Storage Fund	\$ 255,003.06
Child Support Account	\$ 153,001.83
General County Funds	\$ 2,999,132.64
Public Safety Tax Fund	\$ 1,499,792.91
Assessment GIS Investments	\$ 222,087.49
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 3,549,331.01
Automation Fund Circuit Clerk	\$ 204,002.47
Collectors Automation Fund	\$ 128,428.28
Township Bridge Fund	\$ 695,468.78

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Creighton Engel (arrived late) and Jack Riley.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Luke Eastin, South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission (SCIRPD) Executive Director, introduced himself and addressed the Marion Board. He briefly explained that the City of Centralia is considering extending one of their TIF Districts in the downtown area. He continued by describing how Marion County as a taxing body may show support by a Resolution or a letter for this to be done. No action is needed at this time. Board Member Brock Waggoner requested more information regarding the TIF District. Mr. Eastin will forward this data to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary to pass on to the Board Members.

Next, Marion County resident Jeff Curry voiced his concerns with the culvert replacement on Malone Road. His residence is located South of that location, and he is uneasy with respect to the duration of the road closure and the detours this will cause. In addition, the utilization of his driveway being a turnaround area for the school bus picking up his son was an additional issue. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this will be checked into and/or may be addressed during the Road & Bridge portion of this meeting.

Continuing, Marion County resident Josh Dunahee expressed his apprehension of the County purchasing a generator and emergency backup system for the Marion County Courthouse. He conveyed that an additional concern was the FY 2025 Levy percentage.

Lastly, Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the request of \$10,000.00 from the Opioid Fund for the Marion County, Illinois Drug Court Support, NFP. He explained that the group has donated 2 houses to the Marion County Drug Court Program for its participants. One in Centralia and one in Salem which may be utilized for temporary housing for 6 individuals. The Program is currently reorganizing the group and returning items to a functioning level. The approximate amount of \$6,500.00 for the houses' insurance premiums is the primary concern at this time. As of November 7, 2024 the balance in the Opioid Fund account was \$195,000.00. These funds are from the settlement

Those Who Wish to Address the Board – Continued:

companies. Attorney Hudspeth conveyed that he had received 2 letters of support from the Drug Court Support Board. Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director continued with additional information with regards to the Marion County Drug Court Support Board Members. She introduced new Board Member Judy Clingan, who has 42 years in sobriety. Ms. Clingan has been very active in getting the program reestablished. Marion County Board Member Bill Henson concurred that these homes provide structure and aid in avoiding relapses with the participant’s previous ways of life. He stated that it will also help the County save monies by them not going back into the system and its costs. Mrs. Pride provided details of the rules and regulations of the participants that will reside in the homes. In addition, she relayed that Marion County has been recognized by the State and Federally for providing residency for its Drug Court Members. Attorney Hudspeth reiterated that these are not a long term houses. Board Member Brock Waggoner requested that the donation’s check be made out specifically to the insurance agency. Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to provide a \$10,000.00 donation to the Marion County, Illinois Drug Court Support, NFP from the Opioid Fund and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 22, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$89,971.92	\$81,992.47
1%	\$41,387.58	\$37,947.17

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by introducing Todd Dobbs, Chaney & Karch Insurance Group Owner and Agent. This agency writes the health insurance for the County Employees and FOP. Matt Jones, Mutual Medical Insurance Agency Vice President was also in attendance. An additional copy of the Symetra Preliminary Reinsurance Renewal Alternatives for Marion County which was included in the Board Meeting’s Packet (see attachment) was distributed. Mr. Jones presented a description of the Symetra insurance plan regarding the options available for the County. Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions relating to the options and the demographics. Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Jones responded.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that the Finance & Insurance Committee had approved Option A to bring before the Full Board for their approval. This option has a 3% premium increase from last year. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve Symetra Option A for the Self-Funded Health Insurance for 2025 for Marion County and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$182,911.74 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$386,281.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$681,882.56 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated October 30, 2024 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. 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 \$52,502.58. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-52 through 2024-87 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Next, Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (Dimond Brothers) Auto Insurance Policy for 2025 with a premium amount of \$367,329.00 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Bill Henson asked if the coverage was for all Marion County Vehicles which was confirmed. An updated list was included in the Full Board Members' Packet. Board Member Tyson McHenry questioned if the County could afford it. Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp verified that monies are available for payment of this premium. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing with New Business, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that the Finance & Insurance Committee Members had approved a 3.4% Tax Levy for FY 2025 to bring before the Full Board Members for their approval. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve a 3.4% Tax Levy for FY 2025 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Steven Whritenour questioned the amount that it would generate. Mr. Krupp responded that the approximate amount would be \$230,000.00. Next, Board Member Brock Waggoner requested when the Audits would be done. Mr. Krupp stated that a date is undetermined at this time. Board Member Tyson McHenry inquired the amount loss with the FY 2024 0% Levy and was informed that it was approximately \$230,000.00. Next, a discussion occurred with regards to the current Marion County General Fund balance. Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell and Mr. Krupp responded to questions that were asked by Board Members Tracy Murray, Steven Whritenour, and Brock Waggoner. In addition, Board Member Steven Bradley explained how the amount will fluctuate throughout the year. He continued to address why the Levy is being

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

approved prior to the approval of the FY 2025 Budget. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that unfortunately several of the County's expenses have increased for the year 2025. County & Community Chairman expressed that Animal Control expenses are anticipated to increase also. Mr. Waggoner continued to voice his apprehension. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that his concerns will be noted. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Krupp relayed that the goal is for the FY 2025 Budget to be finalized next week. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Tyson McHenry, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed. Mrs. Smith attempted to quiet the audience. One person was removed from the Meeting for disrespecting the Board.

The items under Old Business were discussed. First, Mr. Krupp stated that Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller's \$550.00 invoice and payment issues had been previously resolved. Next, he reiterated that he anticipates that the FY 2025 Budget will be finalized next week. Lastly, he relayed that WIPFLI has received all of the information for the completion of the FY 2022 Audit. The finalization date has not been given.

Prior to the Building & Historical Committee's report, Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that with the 36 Resolutions approved earlier in this meeting that a current total of 51 parcels have been sold with more to come. In regards to these sales, the County will receive \$106,808.13. Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker had stepped out of the room; therefore, Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that with Mrs. Schicker's grant monies the technology in the Courtrooms have been brought up to date.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$65,658.46 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay. (Brock Waggoner stepped out of the room). Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 16, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Dr. Engel allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to follow through with information regarding the updated Courtrooms' technology. He commended Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker for her involvement in receiving grant monies and achieving this project. In addition, he expressed that the Salem Tourism Board has donated Christmas Decorations for the Marion County Courthouse lawn. Salem Tourism Board Member Leon Chapman had previously addressed this topic with the Full Board with anticipation of accomplishing this plan. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that his understanding is that this project is not funded with Tax Payer's money, but from people staying in hotel rooms and attempting to draw them to the downtown businesses in Salem. The decorations will be put into place within the next couple of weeks.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Chairman Dr. Engel continued by sharing that Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has submitted a quote for carpet cleaning in the 3rd floor areas. The areas include the Courtrooms, Judge's Chambers, the Hallway, Court Security area, and the Jury Room. Creighton Engel made a Motion to approve the ChemDry estimate (\$2,923.25) for carpet cleaning on the third floor and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

The Courthouse Emergency Backup and Generator discussion has been tabled and will be discussed at the next Building & Historical Committee Meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$187,458.38 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 62 inmates with 35 being Federal. He stated that the Federal inmate count is 10 more than necessary to maintain his Budget and anticipates a surplus at the end of the year for his Department. A new part time deputy has been hired, Giles Clowers. He will help in alleviating some overtime hours and brings the Department to full staff. An additional Deputy, Sam Appleton, will be graduating in December, 2024 from the Academy and is very eager to begin his work at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. In addition, Sheriff Cripps expressed his gratitude for the service of 4 Veterans who are employed at his Office; Chip Phillips, Bryan Carter, Sam Appleton, and Corey Cline.

Lastly, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her monthly report. She conveyed that the Agency recently worked at the Sandoval Homecoming, Halloween Patrol in Salem, and Patrol for the Halloween Festivities and Parade in Centralia. She had attended the Region 9 Meeting with her Director and relayed that changes in policies and deadlines will be coming. She will update the Board when more information is available. Since the Audits have been caught up to date within a certain period she has been removed from the State Stop Pay List and was able to record her 2023 and 2024 Quarterly reports. Additionally, the Agency assisted the Sheriff's Office with a couple of incidents. She was able to donate her remaining COVID supplies (150 cases) to the Hurricane victims in North Carolina after contacting her Regional Director. She shared a story of individuals from Marion County helping a family by providing a camper and supplies in that area also. Lastly, she questioned if any information was received regarding the previous issues with Ameresco and her heating unit. Dr. Engel stated that a call has been made, and he is waiting for a response from them. Her facility has no heat at this time.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$19,123.96 Bill Henson made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting. The topics of discussion were the Animal Control Agreement with the City of Centralia and the future plans with Animal Control. More information was shared during the Old Business portion of his report.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Next, Bill Henson made a Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 15, 2024 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that he picked up 3 dogs. His Microchip Scanner has been programed and is now available for use. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that she will have to contact Verizon regarding implementing a cell for his use.

Continuing, Committee and Board Member Brock Waggoner stated that changes may be made with the scheduling of the Marion County Board Meetings and suggested that the review and approval of the 2025 Notice be tabled. Steven Whritenour made a Motion to table the review and approval of the 2025 Notice of the Marion County Board Meetings until the Full Board Meeting scheduled December 10, 2024 and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Chairman Bill Henson continued with the discussion of the Committee Meeting conducted earlier in the evening. He conveyed that the Committee Members had opposed the monthly charge of \$6,200.00 and other limitations from the Animal Control Contract with City of Centralia. Committee Member Brock Waggoner elaborated that there are no guarantees with Marion County and the shelter taking in their animals. Mr. Ferguson stated that he will continue with the same procedure that he is doing when space is unavailable during the previous contract. He will attempt to locate the owner and/or find a foster home for these animals which may take a few days. Mr. Ferguson expressed his frustrations with the current issues and especially with the ones regarding the municipalities in the County. Other options are being considered.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that documents remain in the process of being prepared and forwarded to American Legal Publishing.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$212,734.87 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow presented the Highway Department's Monthly Report. In addition, she provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting's Packet (see attachment). Mrs. Snow conveyed that Marion County has 5 construction jobs that they will be overseeing in the near future. She addressed the culvert replacement on Malone Road. She stated that it is a Foster Township project and that Marion County oversees it because the township does not have anyone qualified to do it. In addition, she presented the particulars regarding the project. After a question from Board Member David Iossi, she responded that a completion date in mid-December is anticipated for the Green Street project. Committee Chairman Adam Smith reported that a Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future for discussion of hiring a Marion County Highway Engineer. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley conveyed he has been presented complaints in regards to Omega Road near the Route 50 intersection and its

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

roughness. Mrs. Snow stated that the bumps on Omega Road are scheduled to be addressed. It will have to be contracted out due to Marion County Highway Department not having the equipment for this type of project, but it will be done as soon as the contractor is available. Board Members Bill Henson and Tyson McHenry had questions with respect to the repairs to Range Road, Odin, Illinois. Mrs. Snow responded that it has been started and that she will follow up on it. Lastly, Board Member Tracy Murray requested information concerning the land for the new Marion County Highway Department facility. Mrs. Snow stated that will be a project for the next hired County Engineer.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this Full Board Meeting. He conveyed that an updated policy and an invoice will be addressed at the next meeting and/or the first meeting in December, 2024.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report. A combined Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance & Insurance Committees Meeting will be scheduled for the following week to discuss the hiring of the Marion County Highway Engineer.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Committee Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were no renewed their liquor license.

COUNTYBOARD: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that a County Board Training Seminar is being offered by the United Counties Council of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois on Monday, November 18, 2024. Informational Packets are available at this meeting or in the Marion County Board Secretary's Office in Room 201 in the Courthouse.

11-12-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

B. Hensley
D. Reed

Tracy Reed
Dave Jossi

~~John~~
Sheri Batten MCESDA

Debbie Smith

Bell Smith

Judith Neal Harkin

Maulie Snow

Tracy MURRAY

Charlie Houch

Matt Jones

Randy Kemper

Mona Dunahue

Don
Lynson Met
Valerie Hill

~~Steve Hill~~

Lisa Morris

Shawn Woodward

Jana Williams

Matt Swels

Bruce Kemp

Steve

Luke Eastin

SCIRPOC

Jeanne Dunahoe

Jeff Dunahoe

Thy Howell

SHERRY WASH

Don George

Tina Hines

Dale Brimberry

Terri Easley

Derek Sherman

City of Centralia

~~Bob~~

Karl Dunham

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Larry Spill

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SYMETRA PRELIMINARY REINSURANCE RENEWAL ALTERNATIVES MARION COUNTY

CARRIER		CURRENT	
POLICY YEAR		2024	
SPECIFIC DEDUCTIBLE		37.5K	
CONTRACT BASIS	#	PAID	
INDIVIDUAL ADVANTAGE DEDUCTIBLE			
Employee Rate	50	\$	279.65
Employee/Spouse Rate	3	\$	557.07
Employee/Child Rate	2	\$	493.05
Family Rate	0	\$	836.75
Composite Rate	55	\$	294.94
Estimated Annual Specific Premium		\$	199,678

SYMETRA - Option A	
2025	
37.5K	
PAID	
\$	288.05
\$	573.75
\$	507.85
\$	861.85
\$	303.80
\$	205,673

SYMETRA - Option B	
2025	
40K	
PAID	
\$	279.65
\$	557.07
\$	493.05
\$	836.75
\$	294.94
\$	199,678

AGGREGATE		CURRENT	
CONTRACT BASIS	#	12/12	
Single Rate	62	\$	492.00
Employee/Spouse Rate	3	\$	980.05
Employee/Child Rate	2	\$	867.40
Family Rate	0	\$	1,472.10
Composite Factor	67	\$	525.06
Monthly Attachment Point		\$	35,179
Estimated Annual Aggregate Premium		\$	12,060
Annual Attachment Point		\$	422,147
Expected Claims		\$	337,718

SYMETRA	
12/12	
\$	585.50
\$	1,166.25
\$	1,032.20
\$	1,751.80
	624.84
\$	41,864
\$	12,060
\$	502,370
\$	401,896

SYMETRA	
12/12	
\$	597.20
\$	1,189.60
\$	1,052.85
\$	1,786.85
	637.33
\$	42,701
\$	12,060
\$	512,411
\$	409,929

OTHER FIXED COSTS		CURRENT	
Annual Mutual Medical TPA Fee		\$	32,100
Annual PPO Fee		\$	5,280

MMP/HL 2024	
\$	32,100
\$	5,280

MMP/HL 2024	
\$	32,100
\$	5,280

Estimated Total Fixed Costs		\$	249,118
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\$	255,113
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\$	249,118
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Estimated Fixed Cost % Change
Estimated Fixed Cost \$ Change

2.35%
\$ 5,996

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Maximum Liability		\$	671,265
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\$	757,483
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\$	761,529
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Plan Maximum Liability Change %
Plan Maximum Liability Change \$

11.38%
\$ 86,218

11.85%
\$ 90,283

*Marion County Highway Department
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Salem, Illinois 62881
Phone 618-548-3887
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Attn: Steven Bradley, Road & Bridge Chairman

County Highway Department Monthly Report

Maintenance Crew is continuing with fall mowing back of Right of Ways as well as continuing with regular road maintenance.

Construction continues on Green Steet and Odin Road.

Green Street 90% complete

Odin Road Bridge 95% complete

Construction has begun on the Range Road Bridge

Construction has begun on the Klien Road Bridge

Construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 25th on Malone Rd. Box Culvert

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 26, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:32 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, Marion 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

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Josh Dunahee addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the Tax Levy and the Generator for the Marion County Courthouse. He referenced the article that was posted on the WJBD Radio website. Marion County Board Chairwoman conveyed that these items will be discussed during the Finance & Insurance portion of this Meeting.

Continuing with items on the Agenda, Kaskaskia College President George Evans distributed informational materials prior to his presentation regarding the college's economic impact to Marion County and the additional counties it serves. He began with a brief introduction of himself. He followed up with a discussion regarding the college and its added income of \$132.7 million for the college district for the fiscal year 2023. He welcomed everyone to visit the college campus and/or attend the College's Board Meetings that are held on the third Monday of the month. Additional information can be found on the website www.kaskasia.edu.

Next, Butch Mathus, Mayor of Wamac, Illinois was asked to speak regarding a letter addressed to the Marion County Board (see attachment) concerning Animal Control in incorporated areas. An additional 10 mayors were in attendance. He expressed that Marion County as a whole, not just the municipalities, is responsible for finding a solution, and he had concerns with respect to the public's safety. In conclusion, he commended the County & Community Committee Members for their continuation of finding a resolution for this serious matter.

Lastly, Marion County resident Elisa Hourigan voiced her concerns regarding financial matters with the County. The first item that she addressed was the delay and incompleteness of the FY 2022 and FY 2023 Audits. A brief narrative transpired. Next, she spoke about an Ameresco presentation in 2021 and the usage of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. She conveyed her disappointment in that the window repairs and replacement were not considered a priority at that time when funds were available. Chairwoman Debbie Smith politely intercepted her presentation by stating that there is a 5-minute time limit for each guest. Board Member Brock Waggoner stated "Point of Order," and the reason for it.

Mrs. Smith responded "Point Noted," and allowed Ms. Hourigan to continue for 2 additional minutes. During this time, she reiterated that the ARPA funds should have been used for the window project instead of currently relying on the County's citizens to pay for it.

A brief interaction occurred between Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Board Member Brock Waggoner regarding the time limit for a guest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2024 and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox conveyed that a letter was received from Darlene Chapman, President/Finance Director of The ILLINOISSouth Tourism dba Discover Downstate Illinois regarding the appointment/reappointment of Members of their Administrative Board. Confirmation was previously received from Ben Stratemeyer and Tabitha Meador regarding their reappointments. Steve Whitenour made a motion to reappoint Ben Stratemeyer and Tabitha Meador to The ILLINOISSouth Tourism Administrative Board and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Fox continued with an email request from Melissa Mallow, the Marion County Health Department Administrator, regarding the appointment of a Marion County Board Representative for the Board of Health replacing Dr. Creighton Engel whose term expires on 11/30/24. Dr. Michael Douglas has confirmed his interest in this position. As a request for a Motion was being made by Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith, Board Member Brock Waggoner stated "Point of Order" and continued to give his reasoning for it. Mrs. Smith responded "So noted" and this matter was tabled until Dr. Douglas is sworn in as a Marion County Board Member on December 2, 2024.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by stating that a Combined Closed Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance & Insurance Committees Meeting was conducted on Thursday, November 21, 2024.

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that the FY 2025 Budget is still in the process of being completed. He conveyed that at this time there is a deficit of \$264,860.00, but that additional line items are being evaluated. The County has already missed the deadline for the FY 2025 Budget. The goal is to have it completed and presented to the Board Members on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Full Board Meeting and allow it to lay for 15 days prior to its final approval. A thorough discussion transpired after questioning from Board Member Tyson McHenry regarding the draft Budgets that were previously distributed. Board Member Steven Whritenour suggested scheduling a workshop with the

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Board Members and Elected Officials to allow everyone to review the Budget prior to approval. Following an in-depth discussion, a decision was made to invite a Representative from Bellwether to a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting to be tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. to answer any questions with respect to the Budget. Chairwoman Debbie Smith commended Christopher Krupp for his work on this vital project.

Next, an update on the FY 2022 Audit was presented. Mr. Krupp conveyed that WIPFLI has lost 2 of their representatives that were addressing this matter. In addition, he had been notified on Thursday, November 21, 2024 that the Agency's goal is to have the FY 2022 Audit "substantially completed" by the Holidays in December, 2024, and the process of completing the FY 2023 Audit will follow immediately.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp provided information regarding the FY 2025 Levy, and that there will not be a change with the 3.4% Levy that was previously approved.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel made a Motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 18, 2024 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Dr. Engel made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05: Sale of Marion County Surplus Property and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll call Vote, Board Member Tyson McHenry had questions which were answered regarding the excess items to be sold. He continued to inquire if a different Agency could be considered for the Audits. An apology for not responding earlier was given by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. She stated that this is not an option and that other Agencies denied Marion County their services due to Marion County having Fund Accounts. Dr. Engel continued with the Motion on the floor. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the TOP Electric & Lighting Bid for the Emergency Backup Generator and UPS Electrical Project (\$326,500.00). Creighton Engel made a Motion to table this Bid and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that a \$900,000.00 loan was previously approved to cover the costs for this project and the window project. Committee Chairman Dr. Engel addressed the comments mentioned earlier regarding not having the windows replaced when ARPA Funds were available. In addition, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller clarified that the windows' project cost is not \$900,000.00, but is \$403,000.00 which includes windows for the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building. January, 2025 was given as an estimated time of when the replacement is to begin. Guest Josh Dunahee voiced his concerns regarding the Public not having adequate knowledge of the generator and backup project. Chairman Dr. Engel and Board Member Tracy Murray provided clarification. Continuing, Board Chairwoman Mrs. Smith conveyed that she had contacted other County Courthouses and reported that several have an emergency backup generator at their judicial facility. She reiterated that Tiffany Shicker Marion County Circuit Clerk had originally brought this before the Board for their consideration. Mr. Dunahee continued to speak and was gavelled down by Chairwoman Mrs. Smith. Board Member Sharon Woodward indicated that Judge Mark Stedelin was present. Board Member Brock Waggoner raised a Point of Order and prompted the Board to address the Motion to table the bid from TOP Electric. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator was absent.

Mr. Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present the Marion County Sheriff's Office Report. Sheriff Cripps announced that his Department has currently responded to 631 service calls during the month. The Jail is presently housing 63 inmates; 36 Federal and 1 Juvenile. He reported that they have had 85 inmates booked into their facility this month. Lastly, he conveyed that he has obtained a grant to assist with in house training to help lower expenses.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson requested a Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2024. Committee Member Tracy Murray made a Motion and was seconded by Committee Member Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays.

Next, Mr. Henson addressed the Christmas Gift Cards (from Farm Fresh Market) for the Marion County Employees. He stated that the part time employees could receive \$25.00 gift cards and the full time employees \$50.00 gift cards from the Marion County Board. The total this year's total is \$7,900.00 (LY \$7,575.00). Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the purchase of the gift cards and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll call Vote, Board member Deborah Reed questioned if funds were available for this. A brief discussion transpired. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Deborah Reed, and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Bill Henson presented Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator's report. Mr. Henson recited that 2 dogs were picked up and 13 dogs were returned to their owners after they were located during the month.

Lastly, Mr. Henson conveyed that a County & Community Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He stated that the main topic was Marion County Animal Control. He indicated that several mayors were in attendance. He communicated that he was pleased with the meeting and expressed that several options for moving forward were discussed. In addition, no action was taken on increasing taxes in the Marion County Municipalities.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that there is nothing new to report. He did follow up with the comment that after the new Committees assigned that he would like to meet and discuss future plans for this project.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a Motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2024 and was seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Whritenour conveyed that at the next Full Board Meeting he will be addressing an invoice that was issued to the City of Kinmundy. It was inadvertently omitted from this Agenda.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were not any renewals of liquor license during the month.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the Alternative Learning Academy in Centralia. They will be celebrating Christmas at that time. He welcomed everyone to attend.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting in September. His term will be expiring on November 30, 2024. He conveyed his appreciation for serving on this Board and commended Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator. In addition, he expressed his gratitude to Marion County and its Board Members for allowing him to serve on the Board during the past 12 years.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued:

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Steven Whritenour attended the meeting on November 21, 2024. He conveyed that the organization was recently evaluated through a Federal Audit and received the highest score recorded for the Marion County Housing Authority.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there will be a meeting in December, but she has not received notification of when it will be conducted.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that they appeared for a Meeting but, one was not conducted because of the attendance.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there will be a meeting conducted in December, 2024. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the status of the Project Bread. Mr. Smith conveyed that he is not aware of any additional information other than the media's posts.

Prior to the adjournment of the Meeting, Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that the Salem Tourism Board purchased Christmas decorations for the County Courthouse lawn. She invited everyone to attend the initial lighting of the display scheduled for Friday, November 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

In conclusion, Mrs. Smith presented plaques to the departing Board Members following the November elections: Dr. Creighton Engel – 12 years of service, Bill Henson – 8 years of service, and Steven Bradley – 6 years of service.

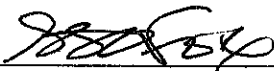
Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Bradley made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

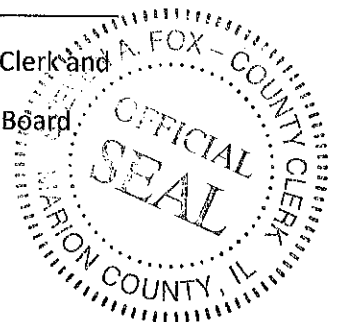
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Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board



MARION COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024
6:30 P.M.
MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 301

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:30 P.M.

Recognition of Guest: See attached list.

Newly Elected Board Members Oath of Office was conducted in the following order:

Tracy Murray

Brock Waggoner

Dr. Michael Douglas

Timothy McCance

Steven Whritenour

Cody Rose

Mr. Fox stated that David lossi was unable to attend this evening's meeting due to illness. He will be privately sworn in prior to the next Full Marion County Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Next, the opening of the Meeting by Marion County Clerk Steve Fox who declared the 2024-2026 term of the Marion County Board was conducted.

Mr. Fox explained that all voting during this Meeting will be by paper ballots. Small notepads and pens were available for each Board Member. The voting box from 1970 was "resurrected" and was utilized as the placement for the ballots. He asked for nominations for a Temporary Chairman. Debbie Smith made a Motion to nominate Adam Smith as Temporary Chairman and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Ballots were cast by each Board Member and then placed in the Election Box. Votes were tabulated by County Clerk Steve Fox and County Board Secretary Lori Linder. Mr. Fox conveyed that 14 ballots were casts and each one was for Adam Smith. Adam Smith was elected as Temporary Chairman.

Adam Smith takes over as Temporary Chairman and requests nominations for the Marion County Board Chairman. Tracy Murray made a Motion to nominate Steve Whritenour as County Board Chairman and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to nominate Debbie Smith as County Board Chairwoman and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Adam Smith made a Motion to close the nominations and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Ballots were cast by each Board Member and then placed in the Election Box. Votes were tabulated by County Clerk Steve Fox and County Board Secretary Lori Linder. Mr. Fox conveyed that 14 ballots were casts and 9 were for Steven Whritenour and 5 for Debbie Smith. Steven Whritenour was elected as Marion County Board Chairman.

Steven Whritenour takes over as Marion County Board Chairman and requests nominations for Marion County Board Vice Chairman. Tracy Murray made a Motion to nominate Tyson McHenry as County Board Vice Chairman and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to

nominate Debbie Smith as County Board Vice Chairwoman and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Steven Whritenour closed the nominations. Ballots were cast by each Board Member and then placed in the Election Box. Votes were tabulated by County Clerk Steve Fox and County Board Secretary Lori Linder. Mr. Fox conveyed that 14 ballots were casts and 8 were for Tyson McHenry and 6 for Debbie Smith. Tyson McHenry was elected as Marion County Board Vice Chairman.

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour distributed Committee Chairperson and Committee Member Appointment Sheets to each Member of the Board (see attachment). A discussion regarding the Committees and their Assignments transpired. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that he would like the Committee Chairs to establish a date during a month to conduct their meetings and revert to having monthly meetings for their Committees. In addition, he would like to return to one Full Board meeting per month. Further discussion will occur at the next Full Board Meeting.

Chairman Steven Whritenour opened the floor to anyone who wished to address the Board.

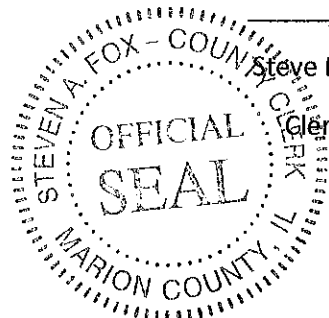
- Former Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith expressed gratitude to everyone for allowing her to serve as Board Chairwoman during the last few years. She conveyed that she is looking forward to continuing to work with all of the Board Members new and old.
- Guest Robert White requested that a copy of the monthly Revenue and Expense Report be accessible to the public prior to the Full Board Meetings. Newly elected Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that this will be done.
- Finance Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed updated information regarding the FY 2024 Budget. He commended the Elected Officials for their work and remaining within their budgeted amounts.
- Board Member Sharon Woodward welcomed the new Members of the Board and stated that she would like to have everyone work together in a civil manor.
- Newly elected Vice Chairman Tyson McHenry extended thanks to everyone for allowing him to serve as Vice Chair.
- Guest Josh Dunahee congratulated the new Marion County Board and welcomed the change.

Sharon Woodward made a Motion to Adjourn and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 1/20/25



Steve Fox

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

12-2-24

Organizational Meeting

Guests

~~Bob Wagner~~

Jeff [unclear]

Wesley [unclear]

Rob Reed

Miriam Waggoner

Eric [unclear]

Dana Waggoner

Nette, Wally, & Wilson Waggoner

SHERRY WALSH

Tom McConne

TRACY MURRAY

Karl Dunham

Karna Dunham

Gladye [unclear]

Cora Rose

Monica Seab

Theresa Ounahue

Donna & Paul Jones

Bill [unclear]

Brett & [unclear]

Martin D

Abby Douglas

James Ounahue

Sharon Woodward
Cherie Cudrey
Matt C.

Sue Pulschetter

~~Matt Hawkstatter~~

Bruce King - WBD/WIQ

Judith Meeks Naticum

Rene Taylor

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Heber King

MARY MILLER

E. Bourgeois

Jim Tighe

Debbie Smith

Beth Anderson

Rae Jones

Erin Woodford

Bill Smith

2025-2026 Committee Assignments

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner

David Iossi

Tracy Murray

Tyson McHenry

Chris Krupp

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp

Jack Riley

Debbie Smith

Tracy Murray

Deb Reed

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi

Dr. Mike Douglas

Debbie Smith

Adam Smith

Judith Meeks-Hakim

County and Community Relations Chairman Tracy Murray

Dr. Mike Douglas

David Iossi

Brock Waggoner

Sharon Woodward

Sub Committee-Broadband

Law Enforcement- Chairman Tyson McHenry

Cody Rose

Jack Riley

Judith Meeks-Hakim

Sharon Woodward

Sub Committee-ESDA/911

Personnel/Labor Relations- Chairman Adam Smith

Cody Rose

David Iossi

Debbie Smith

Chris Krupp

Building/Historical- Chairwoman Deb Reed

Tim McCance

Brock Waggoner

David Iossi

Dr. Mike Douglas

Road/Bridge- Chairman Tim McCance

Tyson McHenry

Tracy Murray

Sharon Woodward

Jack Riley

Liquor Committee-Chairman Steve Whritenour

Debbie Smith

Sharon Woodward

Deb Reed

Cody Rose

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

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

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Prior to the Guests addressing the Board, County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour reiterated the regulations of the procedure of this portion of the Agenda.

Guest Bob Wright requested that the previous Board and Committee Meeting Minutes be accessible to the Public prior to the next Meeting.

Guest Josh Dunahee commended the Full Board Members for their service.

Robert Townsend, a representative from Alberici Contractors, Inc., presented a summary of their new Solar project in Marion County. He introduced additional gentlemen who are involved with the project. He emphasized the benefits of this project for the County. Next, he provided a description of the location, which is between Mills Cart Road and Boone Street on the West side of Salem. He welcomed everyone to visit the sight and to ask any questions. He responded to inquiries from the Board Members. Additionally, Board Chairman Steven Whritenour had questions and concerns regarding the tax rates for Solar versus Farmland. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments provided clarity. He reiterated that this project is an exceptional opportunity for Marion County.

Next, Finance Committee Chairman and Board member Christopher Krupp introduced Mr. Bob Shehorn the President of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) for Marion County. A brief description of the Veteran's Organization was provided to the new Board Members. Mr. Shehorn shared that an office area for Marion County has been located in the Marion County Health Department in Centralia. He requested a Resolution/Ordinance from Marion County for their recognition, and secondly approve a Tax Levy of 0.028% for this service. Mr. Shehorn would like to see this program to be fully operational by 2026. Mr. Krupp will follow through with this program and anticipates having more information by the next Full Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated November 26, 2024 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour finalized the establishment of the new Committees and their Members. With respect to the Road & Bridge Committee, Adam Smith will be taking Sharon Woodward’s roll with the Committee, and he and Tim McCance will act as Co-Chairmen. Mr. Whritenour requested that each Committee Chairman/woman select a date, beginning in January, to conduct their Meetings during the 2nd or 3rd week of the month and preferably on a Monday or Tuesday. The Full Board Meeting will be scheduled for the 4th Tuesday of each month; starting with January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$81,951.15	\$80,744.93
1%	\$37,393.50	\$44,461.55

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox conveyed that an email was received from Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator regarding the appointment of Dr. Michael Douglas for the Marion County Board of Health, and replacing Dr. Creighton Engel whose term expired on 11/30/24. Sharon Woodward made a motion to appoint Dr. Michael Douglas to the Marion County Health Board and was seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

APPROVAL OF BILLS

General: \$118,774.41 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$168,981.26 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$1,110,257.80 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Adam Smith questioned if this was a 3 pay month. After a

Finance Committee – Continued:

brief discussion it was determined to be a 3 pay month. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). 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 \$28,842.38. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-88 through 2024-114 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Next, Christopher Krupp asked Board Member Debbie Smith to give a concise description of SCIRP&DC and the Request for 2025 Per-Capita (\$5,554.60). Following the request, Mrs. Smith provided information. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the SCIRP&DC Request for 2025 Per-Capita (\$5,554.60) and was seconded by Debbie Smith. A short discussion regarding utilizing their services occurred. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Tyson McHenry, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Continuing with Old Business, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that he received an email late this afternoon from Josh Faivre, CPA and WIPFLI Senior Manager, Audit regarding the FY 2022 Audit. Its competition is anticipated to be in January, 2025. Many concerns were raised from multiple Board Members and were discussed. Board Chairman Steven Whritenour proposed hiring a Forensic Auditor for all of Marion County's finances. A thorough discussion transpired. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to Place the Consideration of Seeking Services and Hiring a Forensic Auditor for Marion County on the Full Board Meeting Agenda December 23, 2024 and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to the Voice Vote, Debbie Smith reiterated the previous difficulties of hiring an Auditor for the County due to it having Fund Accounts. After being asked for his thoughts with this matter, Marion County Clerk Steve Fox stated that his suggestion is to speak with a consultant to better understand County Government Finances. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner announced that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board meeting this evening. He stated that a Motion was made "to take a 10% cut across the board" to the Budget provided in tonight's Full Board Meeting Packet. Mr. Waggoner explained that the issues with the Audits being a factor for such a drastic cut. He discussed the intentions for utilizing the Committees to work with the finances for Marion County, and he described how the Budget could be reopened and adjusted after this is done. Questions and comments from other Board Members were addressed. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to cut 10% with the Intention of Reopening the Budget to make Corrections as Assigned. Prior to a second, Board Member Debbie Smith made a Motion to Amend Mr. Waggoner's Motion to 5%. Board Member Cody Rose made a Motion for a 9.5% cut without a second. An extensive debate with respect to the Amendments occurred. Clarification was made by Christopher Krupp that the 10% cut would be from the General Fund. Mrs. Smith's Motion was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Next, Chairman Steven Whritenour read the protocol for proceeding with an amendment to an original motion. A brief illustration of Mrs. Smith's reasons for her Amendment was provided. Following, Mr. Waggoner shared more details for his decision of 10%. The vote on Mrs. Smith's Amended Motion was then taken. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes – 10 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Dr. Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Timothy McCance, Tyson

McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Adam Smith, and David Iossi). Motion Failed on the Amended Motion of 5%.

Subsequently, Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner amended his original motion to include that the 10% cut would be from the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 3 nays (Sharon Woodward, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Mr. Waggoner will be contacting Bellwether and a Special Full Board Meeting will be scheduled soon after receiving the revised FY 2025 Budget.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Chairman David Iossi announced that the Committee had not met; therefore, no new information was reported.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Approval of Bills: \$20,655.09 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay. (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deborah Reed suggested that the TOP Electric & Lighting Bid (\$326,500.00) for the Emergency Backup Generator and UPS Electrical Project be brought back to the Committee. She explained that the new Building & Historical Committee Members need to be provided more information regarding this project. Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has a grant request submitted to cover the costs and is anticipating the results. Deborah Reed made a motion to bring back the TOP Electric & Lighting Bid back to the Committee and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TYSON MCHENRY:

Approval of Bills: \$93,107.46 Tyson McHenry made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 73 inmates with 43 being Federal. He stated that Santa Claus and the Grinch will be at the Courthouse in the near future. He will be meeting with Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry to discuss his Department's Budget and welcomed any Board members also.

Board Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Marion County Coroner Claude Howell to address the Board. Mr. Howell announced that his "team" is coming together nicely. He has eliminated 2 Deputy positions. He reported 28 deaths in November and 14 to date in December. He also has a meeting scheduled with Law Enforcement Chairman Tyson McHenry.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator commended her "team" for all of their hard work. She presented appreciation and gratitude plaques to her long term members, Greg Masters 47 years, Denny Wilkins 48 years, and Edie Wilkins 21 years. Mrs. Barter acknowledged an additional 3 members that were present.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Mr. McHenry allowed Board Chairman Steven Whritenour to address the Marion County ESDA Letter and Kinmundy Braniff Invoice and payment. A brief explanation regarding his discussion with Angie Diss, Mayor of Kinmundy transpired. Steven Whritenour made a Motion to pay ½ of the invoice amount was made and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to Roll Call Vote, the procedures with respect to the municipalities' services and invoices in the future were debated. Further discussion regarding the Kinmundy Braniff invoice occurred. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes – 11 nays (Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith).

Lastly, an Emergency Siren Maintenance and Repair Policy will be drawn up.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN Tracy Murray:

Prior to making the Motion to approve the County & Community bills, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray had a question for Marion County Clerk Steve Fox regarding the City of Centralia payment for Animal Control. Mr. Fox and Board Member Debbie Smith directed Mr. Murray to research his packet of the bills that was given to him prior to the Meeting. After reviewing the payment, it was determined that it covered the November 2024 invoice.

Approval of Bills: \$24,761.26 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted Monday, December 9, 2024. The primary topic of discussion was the immediate resolution to housing animals from Marion County. In addition, more permanent solutions were examined. Additional meetings with the City of Centralia and the City of Salem will be taking place in the near future.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator was absent; therefore, no report was given.

Mr. Murray relayed that one dog is still being housed in Iuka at Paws Here Veterinary Services. Board Member Deborah Reed verified that Animal Control is attempting to locate the dog's owner.

Continuing with Old Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray communicated that there have been changes to the Full Board and Committee Meeting Schedules for 2025. The Full Board Meetings will be on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 P.M. with the scheduling the Committee Meetings on Monday or Tuesday during the second week of the month.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that documents remain in the process of being prepared and forwarded to American Legal Publishing.

Sub-Committee Broadband: Chairwoman Deborah Reed

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray stated that there was nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Approval of Bills: \$465,722.28 Adam Smith made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Timothy McCance. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays (Christopher Krupp left the meeting early). Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith allowed Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow to explain Resolution 2024-51 that was brought before the Board for approval. All questions were answered.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-51: MFT Maintenance FY 25 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith thoroughly described the contents of Resolution 2024-115, and answered all questions.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-115: Road Use Agreement Hoots Chapel, Alberici Contractors, Inc. and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Marilea Snow presented an updated report regarding Green Street Road and Odin Road projects. A couple of the guardrails on Green Street Road have been damaged and are to be repaired in the near future. The Range Road and Kline Road projects are 85% completed. She also stated that the Malone Road operation has not been started.

Co-Chairman Mr. Smith commended Mrs. Snow for her services and the Highway Department's Financial Report.

Guest Robert Wright expressed his gratitude to Road & Bridge.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report. A Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled in January to discuss the hiring of the Marion County Highway Engineer. Mr. Smith stated that a possible new requirement for this position is that the person must be a Marion County resident. It will be further discussed.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR:

Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there were no renewed their liquor license.

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12-10-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Shawn Woodward

Gene Stude

John Blum

Sherry Walsh

Myra

MARK MILLER

Don

TRAY MURPHY

Michelle

Kris

Jim Pelt

Jeff Nunapee

Shawn Nunapee

Maureen Snow

Bruce

Deb

Debbie

Wayne

Ashlee Adams

Bel

Tony

Jeff

Indira Meeks-Hatim

MARION COUNTY SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

5:00 P.M.

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 302

Meeting convened at 5:00 P.M. with Steven Whritenour, County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim (remote), Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith. Absent was David Iossi (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Lead Public Defender Craig Griffin voiced his concerns regarding the Board's decision to cut the FY 2025 Budget by 10%. He explained that contracts for his office have previously been signed and expenditures have already taken place. In addition, he presented information with respect to how he has already decreased several items and that he has always been very respectful while working with the Board on his Budget. Attorney Griffin was extremely disappointed that the only way he found out about the cut was through a Facebook post. He stated that it was also demoralizing that the Office Holders were emailed a copy of the Budget with the 10% cut only a few hours prior to this evening's meeting.

Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker communicated her apprehension and other issues regarding the 10% cut to the FY 2025 Budget. She shared that the Circuit Clerk's office is responsible for meeting legal Mandates of the Illinois Compiled Statutes and specific requirements under the Supreme Court Rules. She asserted that her office entails adequate funding for these matters, and for the Board to reconsider the Budget's reduction.

Next, Lieutenant Anthony Decker, representative for Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps addressed the Board. He conveyed that a conversation with Board Chairman Steven Whritenour, Sheriff Cripps, and himself had taken place earlier in the day. He emphasized that some cuts in the Sheriff's Budget were made to funds that are already apportioned. Lieutenant Decker relayed that this is a major concern for Sheriff Cripps.

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour continued with the Special Full Board Meeting and contacted Justin Greeley from Bellwether, LLC. via telephone. Mr. Greeley presented a description of his concerns regarding the proposed 10% cut to the FY 2025 Budget. He stated that there may be legal issues from the cut to some of the line items in the future. He continued and explained his reasoning for submitting a second option with the 10% cut per fund. In addition, a third option was submitted with a

2.28% cut to balance the Budget. A thorough discussion transpired. Mr. Greeley was available to respond to all questions and concerns from the Board Members.

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner declared that the Budget with the 10% cut will be reevaluated in 3 months to monitor the County Elected Officials' expenses and make adjustments if needed. Another concern he had was with the FY 2022 and FY 2023 audits not being completed and Marion County being on the Stop Pay List again.

County Board Member Tim McCance voiced his regret for voting for the 10% cut during the previous Meeting. He expressed his disapproval of how it was addressed and presented. He felt that the Elected Officials should have had more time to examine their portions of the Budget.

Chairman Steve Whritenour directed Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp to explain the entire Budget process for the FY 2025 Budget. Justin Greeley provided additional information, and a further conversation occurred.

Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the 2.28% balance cut for the Provisional FY 2025 Budget and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth stated that the County's Code does not allow reopening of the Budget after it has been passed as Mr. Waggoner implied. Attorney Hudspeth and Brock Waggoner debated this matter. Afterwards, questions regarding the motion were clarified to Judith Meeks-Hakim. Following, Adam Smith communicated his disapproval of lack of notice to the Elected Officials regarding the cuts and encouraged the Board to respectfully work with them. Steven Whritenour conveyed that during the 15-day time that the approved Provisional Budget lays, the Elected Officials will then have time to review their Budget and make changes if necessary. Debbie Smith provided a brief description of how the Contingency Fund was used previously to help balance the past years' Budgets. An additional discussion regarding the current amount of monies in the Contingency Fund and during the previous years occurred amongst the Board Members, State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth, and Justin Greeley. Steven Whritenour stated that an All Day Budget Committee Meeting will be conducted on Monday, December 23, 2024 with the Elected Officials to discuss the Provisional FY 2025 Budget. Board Members Sharon Woodward and Adam Smith conveyed that this process of wanting the Elected Officials to reevaluate and adjust their Budgets during the Christmas Season is unwarranted. Chairman Steven Whritenour scheduled an All Day Budget Committee Meeting with the Elected Officials for Monday, December 23, 2024 prior to the Full Board Meeting to discuss the Provisional FY 2025 Budget at their allotted time. Next, Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 4 nays (Sharon Woodward, Tim McCance, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

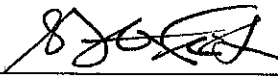
A Special Full Board Meeting will be conducted on Monday, December 30, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. to pass the FY 2025 Budget.

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

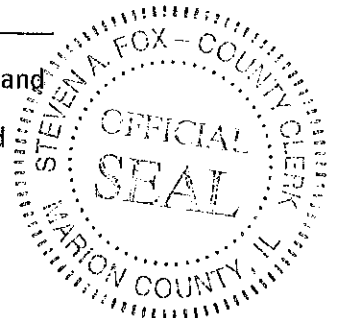
Time: 8:43 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 1/28/25



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



12-13-24

Special Full Board Meeting

Guests

Craig W Griffin

Rebeca Prude

Debbie Smith

Bill Smith

Shawn Woodward

Deb Reed

Ray Reed

Taylor Guern

MARK MILLER -

Jim Pelt

Michelle Phelps

Randy Schultz

Blond Schultz

Jeffery Ginn

Tom Smith

SHERRY WALSH

David Iossi

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Monday, December 23, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

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

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Mike Douglas, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Adam Smith.

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the Board via telephone. He conveyed that according to the Appellate Court, the previous Secret Ballot Vote for Marion County Board Chairman/Chairwoman and Vice Chairman/Chairwoman was a violation of the Open Meetings Act. He explained the procedure to rectify the matter. The Board Members were asked to publicly state who they voted for at the previous meeting.

Tracy Murray – Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Brock Waggoner – Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Mike Douglas - Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Deborah Reed – Debbie Smith Chairwoman and Debbie Smith Vice Chairwoman
Tim McCance - Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Tyson McHenry - Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Steven Whritenour - Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Cody Rose - Steve Whritenour Chairman and Tyson McHenry Vice Chairman
Christopher Krupp – Debbie Smith Chairwoman and Debbie Smith Vice Chairwoman
Debbie Smith – Debbie Smith Chairwoman and Deborah Reed Vice Chairwoman

No action was taken regarding Board member David Iossi due to him being absent and not voting at the previous meeting.

Board Members Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, and Adam Smith will need to publicly disclose who they had previously voted for at the next meeting that they attend.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Angie Diss, Mayor of Kinmundy was not able to attend this evening's meeting, but has rescheduled her appearance for the January 28, 2025 meeting.

Josh Dunahee, guest and Service Center Manager of XPO in Salem announced that Brian "Smiley" Riddle has driven 26 ½ years accident free, covering 3-million miles. Mr. Riddle was escorted to the Salem facility by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Salem Police Department, and 2 large firetrucks from the Salem Fire Department. Mr. Dunahee commended them, including Dennis Rosenberger, Journalist for The Sentinel newspaper for helping with the celebration for this gentleman.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Resolution/Ordinance supporting the organization will be presented to the Board at the December 30, 2024 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. The minutes were not completed and/or included in this packet.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent; therefore, nothing new was reported.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began with a brief discussion regarding the consideration of hiring a Forensic Auditor for Marion County. He expressed concerns with the expense involved. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour will be forwarding emails from people that are interested in this position to Mr. Krupp. Further discussions will transpire in a future Finance Committee Meeting in January, 2025.

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed the FY 2022 Audit. Mike Douglas had previously requested the reason that the audit is taking so long to complete. Mr. Krupp reiterated that WIPFLI has lost 2 of their representatives that were addressing this matter. In addition, he and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell verified that WIPFLI has all of the County's information, and they are currently working on this project. Dr. Douglas also had questions regarding the County's Fund accounts and finding an auditor to work with the County due to this financial matter, and if a better software is available. This topic was briefly discussed. In conclusion, Mr. Krupp will do some research and communicate any information obtained.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner began by conveying that a Committee Meeting with the Marion County Elected Officials was conducted earlier in the day. He stated that the County is in a "better financial situation" than the prior speculation. This was credited to additional revenue being found and the Elected Officials revising their budgets. Mr. Waggoner is anticipating to have the FY 2025 Budget ready for approval by the Monday, December 30, 2024 Special Full Board Meeting. Board Member Debbie Smith recommended "trimming" the Marion County Board's budget while asking the Elected Officials to adjust theirs. Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that this can be addressed at the Full Board Meeting in January, 2025. Mr. Whritenour and Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp voiced that the original figures were previously cut to help balance the Budget.

Tyson McHenry made a Motion to approve the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2024 and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to continuing with the Insurance Committee's report, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour commended the Elected Officials for with partnering the Budget Committee.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi stated that there is nothing new to report, but a Committee Meeting will be scheduled in January, 2025.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. She reported updated information regarding the Generator and Emergency UPS Backup project, the Moose Building downspout and guttering repairs, and the Courthouse Boiler issues. She expressed her desire to be proactive with this Committee.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TYSON MCHENRY

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry addressed the letter from Sheriff Kevin Cripps (see attachment) that was distributed to each Board Member prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. Mr. McHenry and Board Chairman Steven Whritenour conveyed that it contained information regarding the Marion County Budget. Sheriff Cripps discovered that the revenue line item for the DCFS Officer (\$115,000) had inadvertently been omitted.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented his monthly report. He began by commending Josh Dunahee for providing the information regarding the XPO driver, Brian Riddle. He relayed that his office is operating with a secretary available Monday – Friday from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Additionally, Marion County has had 31 deaths to date for the month of December. He conveyed that in his opinion that "today has been the most productive day in 18 months."

Sub-Committee 911/ESDA

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour conveyed that the Emergency Siren Maintenance and Repair Policy will be available at the January 28, 2025 Full Board Meeting.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated November 26, 2024 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2024 and was seconded by Mike Douglas. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson was absent; therefore, no new report was given.

Committee Chairman Tracy Murray conveyed that he and Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour had met with the Centralia City Manager on December 13, 2024 in regards to Marion County Animal Control. An addition meeting is being considered due to the fact that this City Manager is resigning from his position. Next, Mr. Murray relayed that a discussion with the Salem City Manager and the City's Mayor is to be scheduled in the near future to explore opportunities with them.

Following, Mr. Murray allowed Guest Richard Ross to address the Board with information regarding a proposed new subdivision East of Central City off of Green Street Road. Mr. Ross stated that this will be the fourth subdivision that his uncle Roy Ross (who is in attendance) has built. A brief discussion transpired regarding its location. Chairman Tracy Murray requested a Motion to approve the Jolinda Ross Subdivision at a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, Marion County. Motion was made by Debbie Smith and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Tim McCance had questions regarding the road in the subdivision and Marion County maintaining it. Mr. Richard Ross responded. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Copy given to Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder.

In conclusion, Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the Monthly Marion County Board Meetings for 2025 (to be conducted on the 4th Tuesday of each month) and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Deborah Reed questioned the impact that it would have on the accounts payable. A thorough discussion transpired. The scheduling of the Committee Meetings was discussed also. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Deborah Reed, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi). Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that there is nothing new to report due to working on the Budget.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH AND TIM MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Tim McCance stated that he and Co-Chairman Adam Smith visited the Marion County Highway Department Facility. Mr. McCance commended Interim Engineer Marilea Snow and her Foreman for making adequate Budget cuts for the County. He conveyed that during the tour, he had concerns with the current building and improvements that need to be made. A thorough discussion regarding the old and new facility occurred.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent; therefore, there was nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report. This Committee will become a County & Community Sub-Committee.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR:

Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there were not any renewals of liquor license during the month.

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting, Chairman Steven Whritenour wished everyone a "very Merry Christmas."

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

Next Special Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 30, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

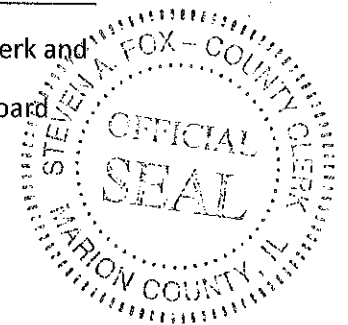
Time: 7:35 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 1/20/25

Steve Fox

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



12-23-24

Full Board Meeting

Trustees

~~John Perry~~
Richard Ross
Joy Ross

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Frank Wrenshaw

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MARION COUNTY SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 302

Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. with Steven Whritenour, County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray to begin the Meeting with an explanation of the Marion County Animal Control Account Increase. Mr. Murray began by stating that various options remain in discussion for resolving the Animal Control matters. The additional monies (\$60,000.00) will currently be utilized for temporary housing of animals, but will also help fund a permanent resolution for the year 2025. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned if any remaining monies would carry over to the next year for building a new facility. A brief discussion transpired.

Next, Mr. Whritenour announced that a Marion County Budget Committee Meeting was conducted on Monday, December 23, 2024 with all of the Office Holders. He commended the Office Holders for working with the Committee to help resolve the FY 2025 Budget deficit. Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner then described the future intentions of this Committee and how they plan to prevent any issues like the ones that occurred with this year's Budget.

Mr. Whritenour communicated the additional changes to the FY 2025 Budget Line Items and are listed below.

Animal Control - pg. 49 Animal Control Salary \$30,000.00

Jail - pg. 14 Overtime Communications \$20,000.00

pg.38 AXON \$100,000.00

Probation - pg.11 Equipment Circuit Court \$6,000.00

State's Attorney - pg. 10 Legal Secretary - State's Attorney \$160,221.00

After questioning from Marion County Coroner Claude Howell and a few Board Members with respect to the Budget, responses were made and brief discussions occurred. Board Member Tim McCance also

had questions for Finance Chairman Christopher Krupp regarding Bellwether’s services. Mr. Krupp presented positive responses. He voiced his concerns for the County using the CURES Fund this year and his desire for the County to obtain more Revenue in the future.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the FY 2025 Budget that was presented in the Meeting and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Secretary questioned if the Motion needed to contain the language of Ordinance 2024-07. Board Member Debbie Smith announced that a correction needs to be made on page 1 under the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Dates need to be amended to “December 1, 2024 and ending November 30, 2025.” Tracy Murray reworded the Motion to include Ordinance 2024-07 and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Adam Smith and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

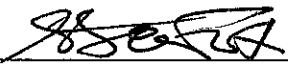
In conclusion, the topic of the Veteran’s Assistance Commission Resolution/Ordinance was discussed. Christopher Krupp and Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth were in agreement that this matter will be further addressed at the Full Board Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

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

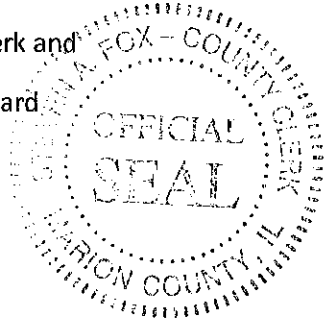
Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 6:40 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓
Date: 1/20/25



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12-30-24

Special Full Board Meeting

Guests

Gene Priddy - Probation.

Bob Reed

Lyson Meyer

David Edsall

Shawn Woodward

Debbie Smith

TRACY MURPHY

MARK MILLER

John Jones