

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 14, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

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

Invocation presented by Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

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

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

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

County Clerk – Continued

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

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

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

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

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

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

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

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

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

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

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

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

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

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

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

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

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

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

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

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

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

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

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

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENHOUR

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

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

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

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

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

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

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

Time: 8:18 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: 03/28/23





Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair