

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

March 28, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Deborah Reed, County Board Member, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

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

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

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

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

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

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

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

### BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

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

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

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

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

## Building & Historical Committee – Continued

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

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

## LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENHOUR

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

## COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

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

### Building & Historical Committee – Continued

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

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

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

### ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

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

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

### MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

No report

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENHOUR

Next meeting scheduled April 18, 2023.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

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

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

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

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

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

No report

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

SCIRPD

No report

Reports from Special Committees – Continued

Marion County Housing Authority

No report


WIB (Workforce Investment Board)

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

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

Time Adjourned: 8:06 P.M.

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



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

