

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

