

## 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.

BCMw

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

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, August 13, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:03 P.M.

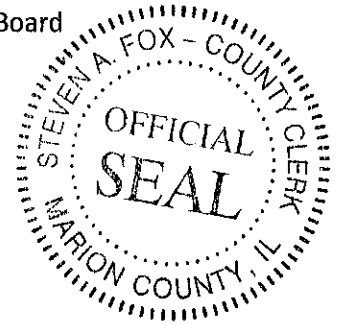
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Date: 8/13/24

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Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



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Bill Amato Central  
Bruce Kopp WJBD/WJQ  
Brook Wegare  
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Tracy Murray  
Tiffany Schicker  
Michelle Pugh  
Claude Hoult Rep Nom- MC Casner  
Shara Woodward  
Cheryl Bumbrey  
Bob Easley  
Valerie Sand  
Keffi Balfanz  
Amy Shurt  
Jeanne Purnace  
Josh Stume  
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