

MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.
Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Chairman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by resident Wayne Walker providing Invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by County Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, David Iossi, Tracy Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward. No members absent.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from December 27, 2022. Before vote Brock Waggoner indicated that wording needs to be changed on minutes. He voted yes on jail but voted No on Nixle and Adam Smith wanted wording added where he had to abstain from voting on Liquor License Application due to a personal conflict. Changes noted. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2023.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
1/4%	\$82,779.49	\$78,660.25
1%	\$32,825.66	\$35,129.80

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

Approval of Bills:

General: \$95,066.82 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner questioned manual checks being

manually added and was wondering if there was a different process to do this. Mr. Fox stated that the county doesn't have the accounting system to do so. Mr. Waggoner thought it would be something we could look into at a later date. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Insurance: \$ 42,100.18 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Judicial: \$889,536.32 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Resolution: 2023-02 through 2023-06 – Omnibus motion to approve these resolutions for Delinquent Tax Sales on said properties made by Chris Krupp and seconded by Judith Meeks Hakim. County is to receive \$4,341.50 from these sales. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Chairman Chris Krupp indicated there was a telephone conference call last week with our new Auditor Josh Faivre, WIPFLI. Attendees were Andrea Mallet, Gary Purcell, Steve Fox, Chris Krupp and Debbie Smith. It was more of a meet and greet and Gary Purcell indicated they are currently working with WIPFLI trying to get audit up-to-date

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$18,737.39 Craig Engel made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Contract for space rental for Pre-trial staff from state was discussed. Contract was a total of \$1584.00 a year payable in monthly installments of \$132.00/month. This is actually at about \$1.00/sq ft and when they came to meeting last fall they were talking a much higher rate. Dr. Engel is going to do research from past minutes and will pass on this item at this time.

Committee met with Ameresco on December 29, 2022 to discuss upcoming ideas and plans concerning the Courtroom and the entrance into the courthouse (included coating of all glass with bullet proof film) first floor. Dr. Engel indicated that we need to take a long hard look and proposals and expenditures.

Sheriff Cripps addressed two huge cisterns located at the courthouse yard and a huge water leak in the basement of the Public Service Building. Water is being pumped out and running back into the basement. This has been going on for many many years. Sheriff asked for permission to move the cannon located on main floor (middle) to the side between the stairways. Subsequent to discussion, Board Members approved the moving of the cannon.

Mr. Brock Waggoner addressed the Board concerning the need of High Speed Internet for the residents of Marion County. There is grant money becoming available to include our County and looking at this in a long term plan – rural residents would be afforded this service and help retain them in their preferred rural environment. He has contacted Wabash since they have done this in a couple of counties. He is wanting them to come to a Board Meeting to present a 20 minute presentation. Fiber lines are the future. Bill Henson questioned on process and Mr. Waggoner indicated it is a grant process and has to have local government support approval. Craig Engel

indicated the demand for high speed internet is escalating. Clarification from Brock Waggoner and Bill Henson. This will fall under County and Community Committee and Mr. Henson stated he would get in touch with Board Chairman Smith to schedule a meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$81,624.66 Steve Whritenour made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Sheriff Cripps gave his report on the jail: 753 Incidents, 21 traffic citations – 82 inmates of which are 21 Federal and 1 Juvenile. For the year of 2022: 11,798 Incidents – 1491 Adults booked and 66 juveniles. In addition, 97 crimes against our children.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$5,393.66 Mr. Bill Henson made motion to approve bills and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson reported that during the month that he had picked up 18 dogs.

Pet Population Fund has grown and would like monies to be available to the elderly to take their pets to the veteran to be fixed. Haven't come close to putting dent in fund. Approximately over \$50,000 in fund. Brock Waggoner indicated that it appears the fund is over funded and the fees should be reduced. Elected officials should not be supporting someone's life style. Steve Whritenour reminded this fund is to control the pet population in the county. In addition, Mr. Ferguson indicated that the Illinois State Ag states a Veterinarian should be issuing the tags and not him. This creates more work. Mr. Henson and Chairman Smith will schedule a meeting to speak with Veterinarian. Point of Order was brought up by Brock Waggoner about County Board members coercing. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth indicated there is nothing to prevent us to meet with vet . Again, it is not the County's intention to coerce anyone.

Resolution 2023-07: HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act , Senate Bill 2226 and House Bill 5471. - Resolution 2023-07 Marion County opposing the Bill. Motion to approve Resolution by Bill Henson and seconded by David Iossi, Before going to vote Resident George Guidish spoke to the Board opposing the above subject Bill which infringes on the right to bear arms, 2nd Amendment to our Constitution which was established to prevent tyranny. Tim Hudspeth and Sheriff Cripps are 100 percent in support of this Resolution. Steve Whritenour stated at the end of the day who is going to enforce this Act. Mr. Jack Riley stated the 102 assembly will end tomorrow 1-11 and asked that the Resolution be re-worded to include subsequent assemblies. Mr. Bill Henson made motion to amend first motion to include the re-wording above and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed. Resident Bryan Smith came to support the opposition of this Bill.

Bill Henson addressed next item on agenda – Codification of records. There are positives and negatives with reference to this process and he asked to Brock Waggoner to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Waggoner indicated that this began in a conversation with Steve Fox on how to find records of the county board. County statutes and codes retrieval is important and it will take time to complete this project. This may be something that has to wait until 2024. Decision will be have to be made once study is completed. It has been decided by Chairman Debbie Smith to establish a sub-committee under County and Community Committee.

Mr. Brock Waggoner will be Chair of the Records Codification Committee and Tyson McHenry and Deb Reed will serve on sub- committee and Bill Henson will attend since sub-committee falls under his committee. Tim Hudspeth said he has seen the final project elsewhere and it is nice.

Flag Poles: Bid from Bradford Supply of \$2,583.87 (86' which includes 5 ½ casing on half of pole and the other half 4 ½ inch casing. Welding would be approximately \$500 - \$1000. Powder coat would be approximately \$1140.00. The poles are old oil field pipes which are very strong. Mr. Waggoner asked if we had talked to an engineer regarding setting the poles. Mike McCormick will be a consultant for the County directing the Committee who to contact. Motion to approve the bid of \$2,583.87 or current market price was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: Ayes 14. Nays 1 (Brock Waggoner). Note this is purchase of pipes only and Bradford Supply will deliver.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$132,470.57 Steve Bradley made motion to approve the bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Brock Waggoner made a comment appreciating the clear nature of the spreadsheets. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Resolutions: 2023-01: Approve Marion County Highway Department to purchase a 2006 used Ford 550 service truck in the amount of \$10,000 – 6 liter diesel. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and was seconded by Steve Whritenour. Brock Waggoner asked where the resolution was since it wasn't in packet. It appears the Board Chairman missed the attachment when sent over by the County Highway Department. Mike McCormick gave to Tracey McHenry to read to Board. Subsequent to reading – Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion Passed.

Heinzman Road Project has been awarded to Quinzy and should being in April.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith stated a meeting was held the previous week and it was a good meeting. Plans are being finalized for the Bicentennial Birth Date to be held at the Courthouse on January 24, 2023, from 5:30 – 6:30 P.M. Iuka Grade School Band and Choir will be performing. Refreshments: cookies, tea, lemonade, water and cake. Representative Blaine Wilhour will present a Resolution acknowledging the Bicentennial. Catfish Russell has a 120 year old newspaper from Iuka and will be on display. Adam indicated that he reviewed the 150th anniversary program from 1973 and there were so many events planned throughout the year. Adam Smith indicated he is meeting with the Tourism Board, and also in process of contacting other annual event coordinators regarding the bicentennial. SCT will pay for the advertising to be displayed on

their transit buses. Discussed a billboard which could be moved around the county on a monthly basis and have an individual or business sponsor it for that month. The monthly fee is \$450.00.

PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith attempted to call the County's Labor Attorney Andy Martone the previous week but he was on vacation. Steps are being made to finalize the Laborers' Contract – Item holding up contract is side letter for the cook at the jail. Note: Since meeting Side Letter is complete and forwarded to the Attorney Andy Martone. In addition, will be advertising for a Board Secretary \$13.00/hour – attend meetings @ \$50.00 each – FOIA Officer \$500.00 month. Work approximately 28 hours a week (some can be off site). There is a job description already set.

ESDA/911 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour stated there was a meeting scheduled the following week. He has been in conversation with Jake from Everbridge concerning questions posed on policies and procedures and the process of Program. He will present information at that meeting to the Committee. Chairman Debbie Smith stated that Tim Hudspeth is working on an Intergovernmental Agreement and will be presented at the next Committee Meeting.

Miscellaneous

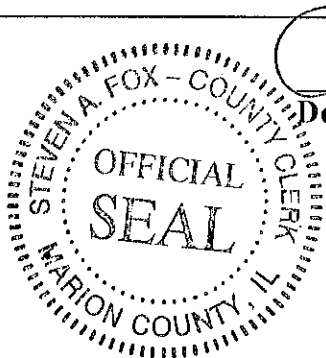
Jack Riley indicated that he would be going to the new county board member training in Springfield on Friday, and if anyone wanted to go he would provide transportation.

Mr. Brock Waggoner proposed that County Committee Meetings be approved at the next full board meeting as appropriate. Indicating that they should be approved within thirty days of meeting to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Motion to adjourn made by David Iossi and Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Approved: 1/24/23



Debbie Smith
Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair