

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 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 Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne Walker, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, Lisa Morris, Marion County Coroner Secretary, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, Gene Markey, Ameresco, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, and Bruce Kropp.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

James Baker addressed the Full Board with his concerns of the Route 161 and Route 37 intersection South of Salem. His main issue is the danger of semi-trucks not obeying the stop signs, especially now with the construction and detour from the interstate. He requested support from the Board to place rumble strips near the intersection to draw attention to the four way stop. Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith relayed that she had spoken with Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, and this matter will be addressed. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman, Steven Bradley and Michael McCormick will work together and assist with getting this information to the State of Illinois.

Next Board Member, Sharon Woodward expressed that she feels that an injustice was done regarding the issue with the reappointment of the Marion County Health Department Board Members. She suggested if a Marion County Board Member has questions of the Health Department, that they should attend their Board Meetings. In addition, Mrs. Woodward conveyed that Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Director, followed the proper protocol to reappointment these individuals.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on September 26, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$82,499.62	\$83,478.15
1%	\$44,033.33	\$28,220.14

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that the Finance & Insurance Committee did not have a quorum for the Meeting on August 17 2023. He conveyed that a general discussion of the Bellwether – FY2024 Budget took place with the Office Holders and Elected Officials.

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting held on September 20, 2023 made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$81,697.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$46,246.03 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$612,097.85 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox clarified the concerns from the last meeting with the Judicial Bills. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Christopher Krupp reiterated that the Budget process is continuing and is expected to be completed in the near future. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Bellwether will be in attendance at this meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp conveyed an update on the Audit. He stated that the numbers from the accounting department were being transferred to the audit department of WIPFLI. Weekly meetings are continuing with updates.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Committee Chairman, Creighton Engel was not in attendance, therefore Christopher Krupp presented the report for the Committee.

Approval of Bills: \$39,328.82 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Gene Mackey, Director of Ameresco, distributed information which included their Project Summary. He then conducted his presentation on the overview of the project development to date. (See Ameresco attachment)

Lastly, Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) tabled from the Full Board Meeting on September 12, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

No further updates on the list of Old Business were presented due to the absence of Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps. This information will be presented at the next Full Board Meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$139,537.88 Committee Chairman, Steven Whritenour relayed that the bills are slightly increased due to the purchase of a new squad car. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour began by allowing Lisa Morris, Marion County Coroner Secretary, to address the County Board. She distributed information with regards to the Marion County Coroner's Report. Ms. Morris proceeded with her presentation of the report from January through September 2023. Chairman Steven Whritenour had questions in reference to the autopsies being conducted in Champaign County and the burden this causes for Marion County Law Enforcement Agencies. He requested that the answers be presented in the near future.

Next, Shari Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, gave an explanation of the amendment to Resolution 2006-79. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-49: ESDA Patrol for Halloween Parade was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$3,626.21 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 9 dogs were picked up during the month of September. There is still an issue with the shelter being over populated.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, no report was given.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$698,629.89 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Motion to approve minutes from the Road & Bridge Committee Meeting held on September 26, 2023 made by Steven Bradley with second by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, requested approval of four Resolutions. An explanation of each was given.

Resolution 2023-43: Joint Bridge Agreement Marion County/Sandoval Village 23-990-17-00-JB. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-43 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-46: IDOT Fund Agreement Green Street/Odin Road 20-00144-00-SP. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-46 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-47: Joint Funding Agreement for Construction Work IDOT Green Street/Odin Road 20-00144-00-SP. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-47 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-48: Reappointment of Incumbent County Engineer. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-48 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick relayed that the fall Maintenance is continuing with his Department.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith was absent, therefore no report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour communicated that the Committee Meeting that was to be conducted prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting had to be postponed. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County. Previously approved, but now put into Resolution form will be addressed at the Full Board Meeting, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent. Therefore, the approval of the minutes will be tabled.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Broadband Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that there were no updates.

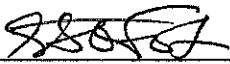
In Conclusion, Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith commended Wayne Walker for his involvement and walking in the Little Egypt Parade. She also included Board Member Sharon Woodward.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Tyson McHenry made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:17 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 11/14/23

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Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and
Clerk of Marion County Board

