

MARION COUNTY BOARD MINUTES – OCTOBER 11, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. By Chairwoman Debbie Smith
Invocation by Mr. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk
Pledge of Allegiance to Flag by Chairwoman Debbie Smith
Roll Call by Ms. Deb Reed, Board Member

Members Present: Chairwoman Debbie Smith, Dr. Creighton Engel, Ms. Sharon Woodward, Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim, Mr. David Iossi, Mr. Jim Purcell, Ms. Deb Reed, Ms. Judith Shafer, Mr. Steven Whritenour, Mr. Bill Henson, Wes Gozia, Mr. Steven Bradley, Mr. Steve Whritenour and Mr. Chris Krupp. Members Absent: Ms. Angel Hiestand and Mr. Adam Smith.

Others Present: Detective Kevin Cripps, Sheriff Andy Garden, Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell, Marion County Clerk Steve Fox, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Brooks Barter, Salem Times Commoner Dennis Rosenberger, WJBD Bruce Kropp, and citizen Bill Smith.

Elected Officials and Other Guests:

1. University of Illinois Extension Program Coordinator for Marion County 4-H, Tammy Guidish, introduced a participant in the program, Walker, who is currently in the 7th grade to make a small presentation. This young man loved being in the program offered by UIE. He currently shows livestock, cattle, and plans to continue through school. This program is offered to ages of eight through 18. Ms. Guidish and Walker wanted to thank the county board for the support of the wonderful program and proceeded to handout thank you cards.
2. Mr. Joe Loera, resident of Marion County, wanted to express his dissatisfaction with County Coroner Troy Cannon in the handling of the tragic death of his girlfriend who was in an industrial accident recently in the Industrial Park in the City of Wamac. The board allowed Mr. Loera to speak and the board did offer deep sympathy for his loss.
3. Mr. Ed Carlson, resident of Marion County, wanted to personally thank Mr. Telford and Mr. Mike McCormick for the repair of Church Road. He further wanted to thank Mike McCormick for showing his three year old grandson the equipment and explaining how the equipment worked. The grandson could not stop talking about Mr. Mike the whole evening. Mr. Carlson indicated that meant a lot to him.
4. Mr. Mark Decker provided many ideas on Marion County Bicentennial which the date is 102 days off. He was suggesting a meal of ham/beans and cornbread cook off since that was a popular meal during that era. Suggestion of having event at high school. Wes Gozia had attended a cook off event and participants paid \$15.00 each to eat and vote on the best.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Minutes from September 27, 2022: Mr. David Iossi made motion to approve and second by Ms. Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All Ayes-Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK: STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

| | <u>October 2022</u> | <u>October 2021</u> |
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| 1/4% | \$83,478.15 | \$83,667.05 |
| 1 % | \$28,220.14 | \$37,584.25 |

Nothing further to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

General Bills: \$89,970.03 Chairman Engel made motion to approve and second by Mr. Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Insurance Bills: \$38,852.27 Chairman Engel made motion to approve and second by Mr. Wes Gozia. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Judicial Bills: \$632,732.51 Chairman Engel made motion to approve and second by Mr. Jim Purcell. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Resolutions: 2022-96

Permanent Parcel 01-09-402-01 – Village of Vernon bid \$823.00. County will receive \$300.00 and disbursed according to law. Motion made by Dr. Creighton Engel and second Ms. Judy Shafer. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Information/Discussion/Action:

N/A

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL - CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

General Bills: \$26,152.69

Chairman Engel made motion to approve with second by Ms. Judith Shafer. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion passed.

Information/Discussion/Action:

Ordinance 2022-06:

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| ARPA FUNDS – AMERESCO | \$ 936,656.19 |
| | <u>\$1,139,470.62</u> |
| | \$2,235,035.81 |

Bills dated September 23, 2022 (Invoices 45691 and 45692)

Chairman Engel stated that this Ordinance would be addressed at the next board meeting to be held on October 25, 2022. No action taken at this time. Per Treasurer Gary Purcell balance in the ARPA fund is approximately 3.9 Million Dollars.

Mr. David Iossi asked if the board was going to seek other grants for the County's parking lot since we did not receive the previous applied grant. Dr. Engel indicated that Trish at SCIRPD is keeping an eye on other applicable grants.

Dr. Engel updated board on progress of renovations. The third floor bathrooms and close to being

completed. Fixtures and Ceiling has not yet been completed. Also, in the Public Service Building the dry wall was going up with the other side being completed.

Chairwoman Smith stated that she and Board Member Deb Reed surveyed the completed portion of the Public Service Building which was really nice and Renee Pride's staff thanked the board for approving this remodel/renovation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$87,409.50

Motion by Chairman Whritenour to approve bills and a second by Mr. Steve Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Sheriff Andy Garden stated they had 645 calls, 3 felony/drug arrests and 161 papers served.

Sheriff Andy Garden gave update on remodeling of jail. Per his request AMERESCO is looking into cost of refreshing paint in the cells since it has been twenty years. He indicated the roof was complete and the caps almost completed with the lightning rod still pending completion.

Sheri Brooks-Barter stated that she would provide her report at the second board meeting of the month.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY – CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$16,811.90

Motion to approve made by Chairman Henson and second by Mr. Jim Purcell. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

County Animal Control Administrator Report:

19 dogs in county
15 dogs in Centralia
1 Bald Eagle

Mr. Henson was confirmed that the City of Centralia has hired a Animal Control Officer.

Update: Flag Poles. Have been removed and are not in condition to refinish. Sheriff Garden is going to look into purchasing new pole(s). Mr. Henson addressed the poles' bases need to be removed. Mr. Wes Gozia said if we had the bicentennial ham and beans and have a fund raiser for the poles – at this time it is not known if the county board can be involved. Will look into matter with State's Attorney.

ROAD AND BRIDGE – CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$1,079,157.23.

Motion to approve made by Chairman Bradley with second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

County Engineer Mike McCormick indicated the county just received a 1.3 Million Dollar Grant for 161 Structure, and is now applying for Federal Grants for project. Concerning Heinzman Project – He

has received agreements with the right-of-ways. Board Member Chris Krupp asked if the rumble strips on Green Street were still being considered and Mr. McCormick indicated they were but doesn't expect project to begin until November 2023. All other projects are in about the same place as last meeting. Weight limit on 161 is yet to be determined; Mr. Henson asked time frame for Range Road and it will begin in approximately 3 years; Mr. Iossi asked about the Solar Farm in Sandoval and no information was known; Bill Henson asked status of Range Road and project is about three years out; and, Ms. Sharon Woodward asked Mike McCormick if he had contacted Mr. and Mrs. Quick regarding Tonti Road and he had not but stated it is on agenda to be repaired next year.

MARION COUNTY 2023 BICENTENNIAL – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Previously discussed at beginning of meeting with Mr. Mark Decker's presentation.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS – CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith absent. Ms. Sharon Woodward reported on the closed meeting with Labor Attorney Andy Martone regarding the proposed laborers' contract. Negotiations will begin soon.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE– CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Nothing new at this time. Another meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2022.

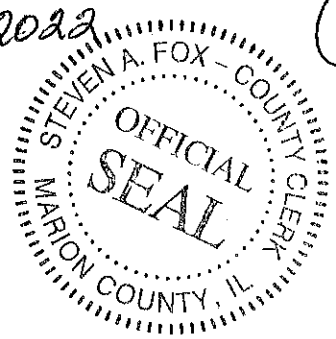
Treasurer Gary Purcell reported that the balance of this date in the self-funding health insurance budget is approximately \$150,000 with the budget allocated at approximately \$481,000. Balance will roll over to next annual budget. He further stated if we had any questions on his financial reports to please contact him any time.

Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller thanked County Clerk Steve Fox for the 141 PTEL forms on real estate transfers. This is really an extraordinary time of homes being sold.

Nothing further to come before the board Mr. Steve Whritenour made motion to adjourn and second by Mr. Wes Gozia. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Adjourned: 8:00 P.M.

Approved: 10-25-2022




Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair