

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:01 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

Marion County Board Chairwoman announced that Board Member Brock Waggoner had asked to join by ZOOM a few days earlier. Mrs. Smith had reached out earlier on this day to confirm that the program was set up and ready for him to appear, but he declined due to the late notice. He was welcomed to appear at any time during the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, distributed information (see Attachment 1) and then addressed the Marion County Full Board Members. She proceeded by reviewing the Illinois County Health Departments Insight handout. During this discussion, the importance of the Marion County Health Department to the Community was expressed.

In addition, the County Board of Health and its impact was also discussed. The guidelines and regulations of this Board were also conveyed. Ms. Mallow relayed that the Board meets quarterly, approves the Health Department's quarterly financials, staff pay raises, and yearly Budgets. The Board of Health Finance Committee approves the monthly accounts payables.

Included in the handouts distributed at the beginning of her presentation was the Bylaws for Boards of Health and a list of the Marion County Health Department's current members as of October 24, 2023 and their credentials. (see Attachment 2) Ms. Mallow reviewed each member's description and his/her duties with the Board of Health.

The floor was then opened for questions or input from the Marion County Board Members by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. Board Member, Sharon Woodward reiterated her feelings of the injustice that was done at the previous Board Meeting regarding the names of the people up for reappointment to the Board of Health. She also suggested for any County Board Member with questions or concerns of the Health Department to attend their quarterly meetings and address them. Board Member, Judith Meeks-Hakim shared that she feels that the Health Department is "Superb." She continued by stating that they are an asset to Salem, Centralia, and the Community.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that there will be people from the list up for reappointment to be voted on at next month's Board Meeting. She again asked if there were any other questions. Board Member, Bill Henson reiterated that his only suggestion was to vote on each individual separately. He also stated that he was in agreement with Sharon Woodward and did not have issues with any of the individuals. Board Member, David Iossi commended Melissa Mallow for the overview of the people. Ms. Mallow stated that she will continue to provide this information when there are reappointments.

Mrs. Smith expressed to the Full Board that the Health Department is receiving under \$200,000.00 from the County and the remaining money that they operate on is through Grants.

Board Member, Adam Smith had questions of nominations. It was then clarified that the list up for reappointments is the only item being voted on, and if the Board disagrees then a Motion for someone else may be made at that time. Mr. Henson and Ms. Mallow explained the process to place individuals on the reappointment list prior to being presented to the Marion County Board.

Board Member, Jack Riley raised questions on the procedures that occurred during the COVID period. He stated that he had people question him in regards to the mask requirements in schools during this time. Bill Henson announced that the Health Department did not have an opinion of the decision with the schools' masks requirements. It was the State Board of Education's requirement. Ms. Mallow stated that it was the Governor's Executive Orders and that the schools and the Department were following these rules. Chairwoman, Mrs. Smith relayed that the County also followed these regulations. Questions of funding for the County and other Departments during this time was a critical concern if the rules were not obeyed. Board Member, Creighton Engel was in agreement that this was a very stressful time for everyone involved with Health issues. He commended the Board of Health of how they handled things during this time period.

Chairwoman, Debbie Smith stated that she would like to see a 120-day notice for reappointments so the County Board Members could start evaluating the person or persons suggested by the Departments prior to their vote approval. A notice will be sent out in the future to notify all Departments that will be submitting reappointment notices.

Many County Board Members expressed their appreciation for Melissa Mallow's presentation and her work for the Community of Marion County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 10, 2023 meeting minutes were not available at this time.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from Mark Miller for reappointment of John Wright to the Board of Review for a 2-year term which will expire in October 2025 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to the Voice Vote. Mr. Miller explained the purpose of the Board of Review. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion request from Mark Miller for reappointment of Patrick Kyker to the Board of Review for a 2-year term which will expire in October 2025 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with a discussion of the FY2024 Budget. The issue with the Probation section of the Budget was conveyed. Mr. Krupp proposed that the monies from Probation be transferred to the Building Maintenance Fund. This will balance the Budget. Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-5: FY2024 Budget with correction from Probation to the Building Maintenance Fund was made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. The FY2024 Budget must lay 15 days after approval with Budget effective December 1, 2023.

Marion County Board and Committee Member Adam Smith commended Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp for his excellent work with the FY2024 Budget.

Next, the FY2024 Levy was discussed. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments presented information to the County Board in regards to this subject. He continued with the explanation of the impact of the Levy increase. Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox reminded the Board to “Levy for the needs.” This amount is already in the Budget. This will be addressed at a future Full Board Meeting.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp relayed that the 2021 Audit should be done by the end of November, 2023, and the 2022 Audit should be completed by the end of the year 2023.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman, Creighton Engel directed Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps discussed the purchase of a new Zero Turn Mower for the Courthouse premises. Three bids were presented and considered. After discussion of the needs of a new mower, this matter was tabled to get revised bids.

Next, Sheriff Cripps announced that he received the bids for the new Security Cameras for the Public Service Building. He is following through with bids in regards to more storage in the cameras, but has not received the updates.

Sheriff Cripps continued by stating that the installation of an entrance door into the Courthouse first floor woman’s restroom is completed.

The Sally Port remodel is nearing completion also. The body scanner was moved into the new remodel and is being used. He stated that the Correctional Officers are very pleased with this area.

A bid for the Security Entrance at the Courthouse was received. Sheriff Cripps is waiting for clarifications and a drawing of the area to get a better picture of what it entails.

The odor in the Public Service Building appears to be resolved. Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, stated that the restroom floors in the Public Service Building are nearing completion.

Lastly, Mark Miller addressed the project of the Marion County Parking Lot. He conveyed that he has received the official letter stating that Marion County Board is the official owners of said property. This release will allow any future projects related to the parking lot to be done at no charge. The progress is moving forward.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, Marion County Board Member Jack Riley gave the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Sheriff Cripps began with the Marion County Jail report: 61 inmates of which 19 are Federal. He relayed that Mr. Whritenour is attending the funeral for the retired Chief.

He continued with a report on the remodel. He conveyed that the remaining projects are all nearing completion and are proceeding well.

In conclusion, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, reported that the ESDA Department assisted with the coon hunting event in Salem. In addition, the Department worked during Homecoming and will be working the Children's Halloween Parade and the evening Parade in Centralia this coming weekend. They will also be assisting with patrol for Marion County Communities' Trick or Treating.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson had nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley was absent.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith relayed that placement of rumble strips would not resolve the problem at the Route 161 and Route 37 intersection. Sheriff Kevin Cripps conveyed that he had met with the Illinois State Police Command and a discussion in regards to more signage and more Illinois State Police patrol for this area will be considered. This topic will be addressed at a Full Board Meeting in the near future.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent.

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report, other than a Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with discussion of the Labors' International Union of North America, AFL-CIO Contract (Highway Department). The contract was previously discussed at a Committee Meeting with the Union's proposal and then a counter proposal was returned for their consideration. In conclusion, the wages were agreed upon to meet with the Department's Budget.

Motion to approve the Highway Department contract proposal that was accepted by the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee and the Union was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. A final copy of the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be signed as soon as it is received from Andy Martone's office.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Nothing new to report.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Nothing new to report.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith asked if any Elected Officials wished to address the Board.

Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker relayed that she is continuing to work with Grants for the County.

Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth stated that it has been a busy month and a half for his office, and that it has been a successful time.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Mark Miller conveyed that his office is nearing completion of the Assessments and will notify the Board if there are issues.

Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox commended Sheriff Kevin Cripps and the Sheriff's Department for their security services during the scanning process that is being done in his office. Mr. Fox will be reimbursing the Sheriff's Department for the overtime pay for his officers.

Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps stated that the employee luncheon was a success. He commended the Elected Officials for hosting the event.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson relayed that the next meeting will be December 7, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. He also stated that there will be a small fellowship meal prior to the meeting, and that all County Board Members are invited to attend.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that there were no additions to the information previously discussed this evening.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that a meeting is scheduled for this evening and Gary Purcell is attending.

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Full Board Meeting Guests

Jiffany Ser
Renie Prude - Marion County Probation
Keena Capps - Sheriff
Jan Howell Candidate For Coroner

Ch Madlon - teacher
Sheri Bate - Marion Co. ESA Board

Bill - Guest
Keri Kemler - Guest

Melissa Mallon - MCHD
Janet Carter Sullivan

Jenna Rose David MCHD

Kathy Haug MCHD

Caitlyn Crain MCHD - Guest

Diane Kuhl MCHD

Sean Lemmon MCHD

Michelle Slater MCHD

Lindsay Green - MCHD

MARK MILLER - SA

Bill Smith

MCHD's current BOH Members (as of 10/24/23):

Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk – An Illinois licensed pediatrician that practices at St. Mary's hospital. She serves as MCHD's Medical Supervisor and has since 1993. Dr. Franczyk signs MCHD's standing orders for Immunizations, Pediatric Lab Procedures and Tests, and STI program. Dr. Franczyk allows MCHD to use her medical license to purchase our vaccines. She was appointed to the Board of Health in 1993. She was reappointed to the BOH in 1996, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, and is due for reappointment in 2023.

Mike Morton – Pharmacist and former owner of the Medicine Shoppe in Salem. Mike was appointed to the BOH in 1993 as the County Board member representative and served that role until 2008. In 2008, Mike was reappointed as a citizen at large member and has been reappointed in 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020. He is due for reappointment in 2023.

Dr. Kyle Clark – An Illinois licensed dentist that has his own practice in Salem. Currently, he serves as the BOH's President and is on the BOH's finance committee. Dr. Clark was appointed to the BOH in 2020 and is due for reappointment in 2023.

Kendra Taylor – Registered Nurse that is currently an instructor at McKendree University and was the former Salem Township Hospital President. Kendra was appointed to the BOH in 2020 and is due for reappointment in 2023.

Dr. Seth Hahs – An Illinois licensed internal medicine physician that practices at Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation in Salem. Dr. Hahs signs the standing orders for MCHD's TB program, Communicable Disease program and Low-Cost Lab program. He was appointed in July 2023 to complete Dr. Aziz's term which ends on 11/30/23 which is why he is due for reappointment at this time.

Keith Kessler – Attorney at Law that has his own practice in Salem. Currently, he is on the BOH's finance committee. Keith was appointed to the BOH in 2010. He was reappointed to the BOH in 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022. He will be due for reappointment in 2025.

Paula Strother – Registered Nurse that is a retired school nurse. Currently, she is the BOH's Secretary. Paula was appointed to the BOH in 2010. She was reappointed to the BOH in 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022. She will be due for reappointment in 2025.

Tom Turner – Retired Marion County School Principal. Currently, he is on the BOH's Finance Committee. Tom was appointed to the BOH in 1993. He was reappointed to the BOH in 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2022. He will be due for reappointment in 2025.

Dr. Creighton Engel – County Board Representative and Chiropractor that has his own practice in Salem. Dr. Engel was appointed to the BOH in 2012 and has served as the Marion County Board Rep ever since. He will be due for reappointment in 2024.