

**MARION COUNTY BOARD  
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

**Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. - Chairwoman Debbie Smith  
Invocation by Marion County Clerk Steven A. Fox (Payed tribute to our Veterans)  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Chairwoman Debbie Smith  
Roll Call by Mrs. Angela Hiestand, Board Member**

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

**Others Present: Sheriff Elect Kevin Cripps, Jail Administrator Troy Reed, Lt. Anthony Decker, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Brooks Barter, Marion County Clerk Steve Fox, Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker, Treasurer Gary Purcell, Dennis Rosenberger, WJBD Bruce Kropp, citizens Mark Decker and Bill Smith. Also in attendance were public individuals concerning agenda item: Liquor License Application for Mrs. Cheryl Koch , DBA Lucky Barn Gaming Parlor. (See Attendance Sheet Attached).**

**LIQUOR COMMISSION COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH**

**Information/Discussion Action:**

**Note: Opposition petition was provided by those attending with 178 names and “In Favor” Petition was provided by the Koch family with 44 signatures.**

**Mr. Jeremy Koch spoke on behalf of his who is wife applying for a Liquor License for a Gaming Parlor that will have six machines. It is not a bar and will provide pizza, hot dogs, etc., plus sell package liquor. Mr. Jeff Mavrogeorge, Excel Gaming Operator, spoke on behalf of the Koch family, indicating that Gaming Parlor's have strict operating rules and must be in compliance. Mr. Charles Mattmiller, former Central City Trustee and Mayor, indicated that individuals going in a Gaming Parlor do not go there and get drunk and these parlors are not anything like a bar. He further stated that it was a shame to deny Cheryl Koch the opportunity to open this business.**

**Concerns addressed by residents opposing Liquor License:**

**Mrs. Babbs – Increase in traffic on highway and Bannister Road**

**Ed Smalley, Concerned about farming equipment, Isolated Location, Emergency Response would be slow, and alcohol is a problem. Bannister Road would become hazardous.**

**Lt. Decker had not found any DUI's involving Gaming Facilities during his years of service. The Sheriff will support the decision made by the Board.**

**Mr. John Snow stated we do not need another alcohol establishment.**

Mrs. Morgan Struckoff posed her concern of her family with two small children in the neighboring area. Also concerned about WalMart Semi traffic. People pulling out onto highway. Market for this type of business is over-saturated. They moved to that area to be in the country not to have this type of business in their area.

Mr. Steve McConnaughy expressed concerns as a farmer who farms on Bannister Road and how his brother escaped, what could have been, a tragic accident from a car and he said to add alcohol to this scenario would be disastrous. People leaving South on Bannister Road is not a good road and you get someone that is alcohol hindered going down the road would be tragic.

Mr. Paul Lubl lives North on Bannister Road which is a dead end which does have signage. They receive a volume of traffic that use this road and have to turn around and having a gaming parlor with alcohol involved would be worse.

Ms. Janet Austin is a Christian woman and is against gambling and liquor.

Ms. Kim Keller is concerned that their quality of life is at risk and settled to live in a nice area.

Mr. Jeremy Stroud lives on Bannister Road and has two sons (16 and 19) driving. Traffic is hard to get in and out due to the heavy semi traffic and other traffic, and the gaming facility will increase the traffic.

Chairwoman Debbie Smith brought to the Board for vote. Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim made motion to approve with second by Mr. Bill Henson. Vote tied three times; therefore, it was tabled until a later meeting in December. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bill Henson, Judy Shafer, Steve Whritenour, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Nays: Angie Hiestand, Jim Purcell, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deb Reed, Steve Bradley and Judith Meeks-Hakim. Vote was taken three times with tie each time. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth was asked his opinion and subsequently motion was made by Mr. Chris Krupp to place item on a subsequent agenda for vote and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes.

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#### APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2022

Motion made by Mr. David Iossi to approve subject board minutes with a second by Mrs. Judy Shafer. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed

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#### COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
1/4%	\$38,155.02	\$34,114.66
1%	\$83,137.03	\$78,035.66

Appointments:

Letter dated October 11, 2022 from SCIRPD Executive James Patrick to appoint Mr. Tony Smith to replace Carson Smith on the SCIRPD Commission. Motion made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Mr. Jim Purcell to approve appointment. Voice Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Information/Miscellaneous/Action:

Mr. Fox provided a summary of the recent General Election.

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REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: **General:** \$90,476.72 – Dr. Engel made motion to approve General bills for said amount and Judith Meeks-Hakim seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – Motion passed.  
**Insurance:** \$29,952.66 – Dr. Engel made motion to approve Insurance bills for said amount and Mr. Jim Purcell seconded. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – Motion passed.  
**Judicial:** \$618,550.11 – Dr. Engel made motion to approve Judicial bills for said amount and Ms. Sharon Woodward seconded. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Resolution 2022-100: Permanent Parcel 15-002-036-00. Sale on Delinquent Taxes paid in the amount of \$1,188.43. County shall receive \$589.53 and County Clerk will receive \$88.00 and remainder disbursed according to law. Dr. Engel made motion to approve and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes – motion passed.

Ordinance 2022-07: FY 2023 Marion County Budget Final Approval. Dr. Engel made motion to final approve the FY 2023 Budget with second by Mr. Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Ordinance 2022-08: FY 2023 Tax Levy 3.9% (previously voted on at October 25, 2022; but failed to receive approval of 2/3 votes). Motion was made by Dr. Creighton Engel and Second by Mr. Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: Tied: 7 Ayes – Angie Hiestand, Jim Purcell, Creighton Engel, Bill Henson, Steve Bradley, Adam Smith and Debbie Smith. 7 Nays: Sharon Woodward, Deb Reed, Judy Shafer, Steve Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp and David Iossi.

Mrs. Judy Shafer made motion to increase levy at 3% with a second by Mrs. Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Angie Hiestand, Jim Purcell, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Bill Henson, Judy Shafer, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith and Debbie Smith. Nays: Steve Whritenour, Deb Reed and David Iossi. Motion passed with over 2/3 vote increasing levy at 3.0%.

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$10,710.22. Motion made by Dr. Engel to approve bills in said amount and second by Mrs. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed to approve.

**Information/Discussion/Action:**

State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth indicated that new drywall and ceiling lights were in progress in the Law Library

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR**

**Approval of Bills:** \$101,648.24: Motion to approve said bills by Mr. Steven Whritenour and seconded by Mrs. Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

**Information/Discussion/Action:**

Sheriff Andy Garden was absent, however, Sheriff Elect Kevin Cripps and Lt. Anthony Decker were in attendance. The Sheriff's office had received 680 calls during the month and issued 43 traffic tickets. Lt. Decker indicated that currently there are 95 inmates which includes 22 Federal and four Juveniles.

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**COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON**

**Approval of Bills:** \$9,517.68. Motion to approve said bills was made by Mr. Bill Henson and seconded by Mr. David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Animal Control Administrator read his report for the month and was pleased that the City of Centralia has hired their own animal control officer which reduces his work considerably. Picked up 15 dogs for the month.

Discussion of erecting new flag poles was tabled until next meeting on November 22, 2022.

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**ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY**

**Approval of Bills:** \$113,899.59: Mr. Steven Bradley made motion to approve said bills and was seconded by Mr. Jim Purcell. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

**Resolutions:** **2022-97:** Supplemental Engineering Agreement – Hutchinson Engineering 20-00144-00 SP, Green Street/Odin Road. \$11,490.00. Safety Grant will pay 80%. Motion to approve made by Mr. Steven Bradley and second by Ms. Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

**2022-98:** Joint Bridge Agreement – Iuka Township 22-06033-00 JB Landmark Road. \$9,467.52. County's portion is 50%. Motion made by Mr. Steve Bradley to approve with second by Mr. Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

**2022-99:** Raccoon Township 20-12024-00 JB Crowley Road. \$41,607.70. County's portion is 50%. Motion to approve made by Mr. Steve Bradley and seconded by Mr. David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

Mr. Ed Smalley addressed issue concerning road in Stevenson Township. Pictures were shown of road destruction due recreational use. An agreement has been made with Attorney Matt Wilzbach to file a civil case against those who are destroying the road. He requested media share this information with the public indicating that charges can be filed if any one is caught tearing up the road.

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MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Committee Chairman Wes Gozia was unable to attend. However, Mr. Mark Decker addressed the Board concerning the upcoming bicentennial which is actually January 24, 2023. Mr. Decker provided an overview of the history of Marion County and events scheduled. He stated that he had reserved the church across the street for a Beans and Cornbread cook off. This event will take place on March 11, 2023. Representative Blaine Wilhour is sponsoring a Resolution for the County's Bicentennial and other ideas are in the making.

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PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith indicated the Laborers' Contract was near completion and was hoping to bring it to the Board for approval on November 22, 2022.

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ESDA/991 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

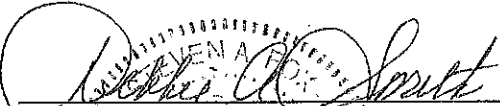
Information/Discussion/Action:

A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Municipalities were mailed a questionnaire to complete regarding their interest in a telephone emergency alert system in their area.

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Nothing further to come before the board, a motion was made by Mr. Steve Bradley with Mrs. Sharon Woodward making a second to adjourn with Mileage and Per Diem. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed. Time: 8:05 P.M.

Approved: 11-22-2022

  
Debbie A. Smith, Chairwoman

