

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 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 Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne Walker, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator, Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Lucas Crawford, Correctional Officer, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Cheryl Back, Michelle Slater, and Bruce Kropp.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on October 10, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Due to the absence of Steve Fox, State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented the report.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$81,992.47	\$83,137.03
1%	\$37,947.17	\$38,155.02

Motion request from Marion County Housing Authority for reappointment of Board Commissioner Bo Baer for a term through September 23, 2026 was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth announced the requests for reappointments of Kyle Clark and Dr. Seth Hahs.

Motion request from Marion County Health Department to reappoint Kyle Clark and Dr. Seth Hahs to the Marion County Board of Health for a term of November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2026 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Vote, Brock Waggoner reiterated that the Board was previously told that the reappointments of said people were to be voted on individually and he would like to request a Voice Vote.

Motion request from Marion County Health Department to reappoint Kyle Clark to the Marion County Board of Health for a term of November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2026 was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 12 ayes- 2 nays (Tracy Murray and Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Motion request from Marion County Health Department to reappoint Dr. Seth Hahs to the Marion County Board of Health for a term of November 30, 2023 to November 30, 2026 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to proceeding with the remaining appointments, Creighton Engel expressed his concerns. He stated that the Board had previously agreed to address the list of reappointments presented by Melissa Mallow. He asked Ms. Mallow to explain the guidelines for the Board of Health required by State Statute. She relayed that there are to be two physicians and one dentist licensed in the state of Illinois on the Board. One of the physicians is required to be the Medical Supervisor which will allow the Health Department to offer the medical services to the public. Brock Waggoner interrupted with comments with regards to the requirements of the other Board of Health Members. Dr. Engel continued with voicing his concerns of the replacement of Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk, Michael Morton, and Kendra Taylor. Mr. Waggoner continued to interfere with Dr. Engel's conversation to the Board. Dr. Engel voiced that he did not agree with the presentation of the appointments listed on the Agenda.

Brock Waggoner continued to convey his opinion and concerns of how the Marion County Health Department and the Board of Health handled issues in Marion County during the COVID period. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith allowed Mr. Waggoner to respond to Creighton Engel's comments. He disagreed with how the Board of Health allowed the mask requirements in schools to be enforced, the closing of businesses, and the Health Department Director to send Health Inspectors to put up signs at businesses which did not follow the Governor's regulations. He was quoted as saying, "They allowed a Dictator dictate to overrule the Constitution's protections." He continued and by expressed that outside the state of Illinois schools and businesses were open without mandates.

Christopher Krupp questioned where the three new names of the people to appoint on the Agenda came from. Mrs. Smith explained that the names were brought to her by individuals that felt that they would be good replacements for the positions available. She then presented the information to the Full Board for their consideration and approval. Brock Waggoner again cut in on Mrs. Smith's discussion. His comments were noted by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. Creighton Engel voiced his concerns with micromanaging Departments that offer information with regards to reappointments.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

Motion to appoint Dr. Brad Stufflebaum retired Radiologist to replace Michael Morton for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 30, 2026 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: 7 ayes – 7 nays (Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, Tyson McHenry, Christopher Krupp, and Debbie Smith). Tied. No replacement was noted.

Christopher Krupp mentioned that he would like more of an explanation and reasoning of why these people were placed on the appointment list. Mrs. Smith explained that her reason to replace anyone on this particular Board would be the need for a change. Sharon Woodward disagreed with Mrs. Smith and was noted. Chairwoman Debbie Smith took responsibility for Marion County being shut down during the COVID period due to County Board respecting the Governor's actions. Brock Waggoner again voiced his opinion of how things were handled by the Board of Health and Melissa Mallow.

Motion to appoint Dr. Matt Stedelin Pediatrician to replace Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 30, 2026 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 5 nays (Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, Christopher Krupp, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Motion to appoint Debbie Jourdon Licensed Massage Therapist to replace Kendra Taylor for the term of November 30, 2023 through November 30, 2026 was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: 6 ayes – 8 nays (Steven Whritenour, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Tyson McHenry, Sharon Woodward, Creighton Engel, Deborah Reed, and Debbie Smith). Motion not passed.

Brock Waggoner questioned Chairwoman Debbie Smith with regards to her votes.

Marion County Health Department Director, Melissa Mallow stated that by replacing Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk with Dr. Matt Stedelin, there will be issues with the new Medical Supervisor. She relayed that on December 1, 2023, there will have to be a special meeting with the Board of Health for approval of the new Medical Supervisor, over 200 orders will have to be signed, and contracts renewed. Issues may be present at that time that will affect the services for citizens of Marion County.

Board Member, Brock Waggoner and Director Melissa Mallow discussed the handling of the requests for the reappointments to the Board of Health previously submitted. Creighton Engel clarified that Ms. Mallow, along with several Full Board Members, were under the impression that the five individuals that she had requested for reappointment were to be voted on at the meeting this evening. Mr. Waggoner continued to interject with his issues, which included the timing of the reappointment notification and handling of the possibility of a person being replaced. Chairwoman, Debbie Smith explained that a 120-day notice has not been put into effect at this time. Adam Smith suggested that more information is needed with reference to the positions that the people are requested to fill. Brock Waggoner stated that he did not receive the description of the Board of Health Members that was addressed at the previous meeting. Bruce Kropp, WJBD, mentioned his understanding that the previous reappointments were tabled. Bill Henson then verified that at the last meeting that he wanted each candidate to be voted on individually. Creighton Engel expressed the importance of knowing more information with regards to the candidates that are requested to be reappointed prior to voting. Brock Waggoner continued to interject with comments.

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

Mrs. Smith addressed the Marion County Health Department Board Meetings that are held quarterly. She relayed that any Marion County Board Member can attend these meetings and familiarize themselves with the Board of Health Members and ask questions. Brock Waggoner stated that Dr. Engel is the Board Representative and should be relaying information back to the Marion County Board. He was then told that he could also attend if he had concerns and questions. Mr. Waggoner stated that he had previously contacted them.

Marion County Board Member, Sharon Woodward requested to hold a Special Board Meeting to address Michael Morton and Kendra Taylor's approval for reappointment. Chairwoman Debbie Smith agreed and scheduled the Special Full Board Meeting for Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Marion County Board Member, Bill Henson requested clarification of what was tabled at the Full Board Meeting previously regarding the reappointments. Brock Waggoner explained that he had made the motion to table the process of reappointments not the individual's reappointments. Mr. Henson reiterated that his request during that time was to address each individual separately for the reappointment approval, and then if rejected, a new name would be submitted.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith requested the advice of State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with regards of handing the current situation of the reappointments. He explained that the item needs to be removed from being tabled and then address the two vacancies with the two remaining names.

During the time that Chairwoman Debbie Smith requested if anyone would like to make a motion to place the reappointments of Kendra Taylor and Michael Morton from October 24, 2023 Full Board Meeting on the Special Full Board Meeting scheduled Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. The Motion was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Board Member, Christopher Krupp had questions with regards to Dr. Matt Stedelin and Dr. Brad Stufflebaum being appointed and their knowledge of being required to use their medical license information for the Health Department. Ms. Mallow relayed that she has not had a conversation with either doctor. She will be in contact with Dr. Hahs first and then Dr. Stedelin to address this matter.

Brock Waggoner directed comments to Ms. Mallow. He stated, "Thank you for putting your two cents into it, we would appreciate you just give the facts." Chairwoman Mrs. Smith admonished that this type of behavior and comments during a meeting will not be tolerated as long as she is Chair.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting held on October 4, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Chairman Christopher Krupp explained that he would address the Committee Meeting which was held prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening later in his presentation.

Approval of Bills

General: \$185,985.70 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$66,044.54 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$712,159.66 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-50: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-020-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$704.47 with remaining monies distributed according to law was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve Resolution 2023-51: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-070-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$403.37 with remaining monies distributed according to law was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Christopher Krupp relayed that a Committee Meeting was held earlier this evening. One of the topics discussed was the 27th payroll, which occurs every 11 years, and its effect on the FY2024 Budget. He reiterated that the Budget process is continuing and is expected to be completed in the near future. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The 2024 Levy will be addressed at this meeting also.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp conveyed an update on the Audit. He stated that the 2021 Audit should be completed by the end of November, and the 2022 Audit by the end of the year.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$20,766.81 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – No nays. (Jack Riley had stepped out of the room) Motion passed.

Chairman Creighton Engel allowed Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, to explain her request in Honor of the Impaired Driving Prevention Month, permission to place a Christmas wreath and victims list in the Courthouse by the cannon. Motion to display the wreath and victim's list in the Courthouse was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Dr. Engel continued by allowing Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, to address the Full Board with regards to outdoor signs for the Courthouse and the Public Service Building. This project will be funded through Grant monies. If the County is interested, she will need quotes from the County and will follow through with application and reporting process. She will then coordinate with the Full Board for approval. Board Member, Deborah Reed questioned if this was an area to post the Meeting's Agenda. Brock Waggoner stated that his opinion according to State Statue is that it has to be posted at the entrance to the building where the offices are located for said County. Renee Pride expressed the importance of having a sign with directions and information to the offices in the Public Service Building and the Sheriff's Department Building. County Board Member David Iossi will be collecting the information for the signs for the Marion County Board and relaying it to Mrs. Schicker in the near future.

Next, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel addressed the emergency approval to replace the grinder pump which broke down in the Public Service Building. The bid was less than \$10,000.00 and authorized by Chairwoman Debbie Smith. Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that since it has been repaired the odor issue has not been a problem.

Sheriff Cripps continued with a discussion of the purchase of the new mower for the Courthouse premises. Bids were presented to the Full Board Members in their Meeting Packet. The advantage of having a repair shop available with a purchase from Molenhour Power Equipment, Inc. was discussed. Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to the specifics of the mower to be purchased. Sheriff Cripps relayed that it had to have a 48-inch deck and be a commercial grade mower. Motion to approve the Molenhour Power Equipment, Inc. bid for \$5,600.00 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nays (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

In addition, Sheriff Cripps addressed the bid from Eco-Advantage (\$15,700.00) for the restoration of the receiving cells and holding cell in the Sally Port area. He stated that this company is the only one in the region that does this type of work and has done work for Marion County previously. This will be paid in the FY2023 Budget from the Jail Building Repairs Fund. Motion to approve the Eco-Advantage bid of \$15,7000 was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned why this was the only bid. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that this was the only company in the area that provides these services. There is not one in the local area. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There was nothing new to report on the Security Cameras at the Public Service Building.

Sheriff Cripps signed off of the Sally Port project. It has been completed. In addition, completion in the State's Attorney's office and Sheriff's office has also been signed off. Amerseco's services are no longer needed for Marion County's remodel and restoration projects.

In conclusion, Michael McCormick relayed that the Consultant was on the property last week, and the testing wells are in place in the Marion County Parking Lot. Marion County is still waiting for correspondence from the IEPA in regards to Marion County having full responsibility of this area.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$91,207.26 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour began by allowing Sheriff Kevin Cripps to give the Marion County Sheriff's Department's report. Sheriff Cripps relayed that the average meal cost was \$1.81 for the past month. He introduced Lucas Crawford who was hired as a full time Correctional Officer. He also conveyed that a donation of clothing for individuals in Marion County Jail with jury trials was made from City Hope Church in Centralia. He thanked them publicly. The jail is housing 67 inmates in which 21 are Federal inmates. He stated that the new law with regards to the no bond has not really affected his department numbers. Security was provided for Steve Fox's County Clerk office during their scanning process 24 hours a day. Mr. Fox will be reimbursing the sheriff's department for their time. Lastly, the exterior doors at the Sheriff's Department Building will be painted on Thursday, November 16, 2023, and the lettering on the building was power washed and old lettering removed.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, relayed to the Full Board information regarding her department. She conveyed that two new members were sworn in, Shelly Pond and Shawndra Weemer. A total of 366.5 hours were provided during the Halloween Patrol. That was 78 more hours than last year. She stated that the total for her team is 2,127 hours worked since the first of the year. Her team has made a decision to offer a scholarship in her father's name to a student going into the first responder's field. She will follow through with this project and present it to the Full Board in the future. Lastly, she has received a \$3,000.00 donation from Dakota Pipeline.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$5,522.50 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 15 dogs and 1 horse were picked up during the month of October. He conveyed that there are issues that have developed and is hoping that they can be resolved. Committee Chairman, Bill Henson continued by adding that a meeting with the City of Centralia Attorney and City Administrator convened. Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith attended this meeting also. Mr. Henson distributed a list of Incorporated Municipalities in Marion County (see attachment). According to the Marion County Contract with the City of Centralia the shelter will not accept animals from any of the cities on the list. Mr. Ferguson stated that the only exception is dog bites. Christopher Krupp questioned what other options are available. A letter will be sent to each of the municipalities to make them aware that they have an obligation to handle their own dogs when they need to be taken to the shelter. They will need to have an individual contract with the City of Centralia or another option for handling their dogs. The municipalities have previously been billed for their services, but have not paid them. Therefore, Marion County has been making the payments. The overpopulation in the shelters is an issue for the entire state of Illinois. The Marion County Board will follow through and address the issues with the municipalities. The current contract will be up for renewal in 2025. A meeting with State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth will be conducted prior to the issuance of the letter to the municipalities.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that the contract will be signed as soon as the FY2024 Budget is approved and the project will begin soon thereafter.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$107,144.81 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

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

Resolution 2023-53: Joint Funding Appropriation Kline Road 19-00144-00-BR. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-53 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-52: IDOT Joint Funding Agreement Kline Road 19-11004-00-BR. Prior to the Motion being made, the issue of the cost being over \$600,00.00 without a capped amount was questioned and discussed. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-52 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-54: Approval of Amending County Highway Budget. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-54 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. McCormick relayed that the mowing in the County has been completed. The Green Street Road and the Kline Road projects are to begin in January 2024. Board Member Tracy Murray had questions with regards to Meridan Road. Mr. McCormick explained the process of that project. Lastly, the Range Road project is anticipated to begin next fall.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Nothing new to report. Chairman Adam Smith suggested dissolving the Committee at the end of the year.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour communicated that the Committee Meeting that was conducted prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting. He relayed that a discussion with regards to the purchase of Outdoor Emergency Sirens and applying for Grants took place. This topic will continue to be discussed in the future. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 12, 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

Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the Union Contract for the Marion County Highway Department has been approved, and will be finalized after State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth reviews the copy received from Andy Martone.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that there were no updates.

Board Member Adam Smith conveyed that a website, CitizenPortal.ai, is now available for viewing of all open recorded Board Meetings. He also relayed that an Enterprise Zone Committee Meeting was scheduled and then cancelled.

Board Member, Sharon Woodward corrected the date for the next Full Board Meeting. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Board Chairwoman, reminded the Full Board Members that a Special Full Board Meeting will be conducted on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. and a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting is scheduled for the same date at 6:00 P.M.

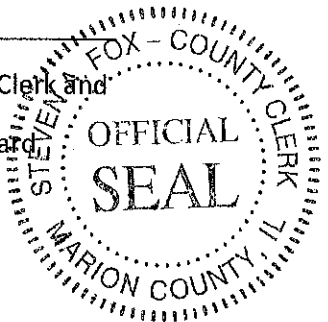
Nothing further to come before the Board, David lossi made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Creighton Engel. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:55 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 12/12/23

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



Incorporated Municipalities: Marion County

1. Alma
2. Central City
3. Centralia
4. Iuka
5. Junction City
6. Kell
7. Kinmundy
8. Patoka
9. Salem
10. Sandoval
11. Vernon
12. Walnut Hill

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