

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 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 Steve Fox.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Michael Morton was allowed to address the Marion County Board. He began by conveying information about himself. He stated that he was previously on the County Board for 24 years, and during that time the Marion County Health Department was established. He relayed "the biggest concern at that time was to have Board Members, dedicated Board Members of the Health Board and keep Politics out of it." He expressed that he feels that Politics is involved at this time, and he suggested eliminating that item. He continued with concerns regarding the replacement of Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk and the reappointment of Kendra Taylor to the Board of Health. His understanding that the replacement of the Marion County Health Director is an issue with a few Marion County Board Members after she did what was required of her during the COVID period from the State. He stated that he "was sorry if you were inconvenienced you had to wear a mask or your employer made you get a shot or vaccine," but a lot of lives were saved because of those requirements. He was in support of Melissa Mallow and the Health Department with following those rules and guidelines from the State.

Ms. Rebekah Powers was next to address the Marion County Board. She stated that she had recently moved back to the Marion County area. She is a nurse and had previously ran a vaccination clinic. She also expressed how awful the COVID pandemic was during its time. She felt that criticizing the Marion County Health Department and the Health of the Community is wrong. Her father, Paul Williams served on the Marion County Board in the past, and she used to attend the meetings with him. She concluded by saying "you cannot politicalize the Public's health."

Next, Ms. Kasey Angeloni addressed the Marion County Board. She stated that some people are trying to make the Health Department be "the enemy," and that during the COVID period no one actually knew what to do. She felt that the Health Department should have been a place that the Community should have been looked at for guidance and direction. She expressed that people should appreciate what they did.

In conclusion, Mr. Chuck Rose, a former Marion County Board Member, addressed the Board. He expressed that the members of the Marion County Board took an oath to uphold the Constitution, the County Laws and the Laws of the United States of America. He continued by stating that the Board is also authorized to assign people to different Boards and organizations and expects them to follow the same guidelines. He suggested that any Board Member that does not want to operate under that oath to resign and give another person the opportunity to respect the laws and obey them.

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith continued by addressing the reappointments listed on the Agenda. The request from the Marion County Health Department was received in September, 2023. Motion to reappoint Kendra Taylor to the Marion County Board of Health for the term 11/30/23 to 11/30/26 was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Roll Call Vote Brock Waggoner acknowledged that he appreciated the people coming to the meeting and for their comments. He continued by discussing that there were issues with the Board of Health and the Pandemic Response Plan after the first 30 days. One of the matters was that the surrounding counties and states were opening up while Marion County remained closed. He conveyed his opinion with regards to how the Health Board continued to follow the Governor's orders without considering the general health of the people in this community in this area. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 6 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Steven Bradley, Adam Smith, and David Iossi.) Motion passed.

Motion to reappoint Michael Morton to the Marion County Board of Health for the term 11/30/23 to 11/30/26 was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 6 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Steven Bradley, Adam Smith, and David Iossi.) Motion passed.

Board Member Adam Smith had questions with regards to the Medical Supervisor's position on the Board of Health. Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Director, responded by referring to the State's Laws.

Board Member Christopher Krupp also had questions with regards to selecting individuals being recommended to be reappointed to certain Boards. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth explained the procedure.

Guest, Rebekah Powers inquired how to become involved with certain Boards in Marion County. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith relayed to have her contact Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary, and she will follow through with directing the information to the appropriate area. She continued by stating that the various Boards in Marion County may soon be accessible on the Marion County Website.

The Special Full Board Meeting continued with Finance & Insurance Chairman Christopher Krupp addressing Ordinance 2023-05: FY2024 Budget. He conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted this evening at 6:00 P.M. A few changes will need to be made and a few questions answered by Bellwether and then the final FY2024 Budget will be presented to the Full Board for their approval at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

In addition, Mr. Krupp relayed that the subject of altering the monthly payroll to two dates per month will be discussed to aid in eliminating the 27 payroll issues in the future.

Next, Ordinance 2023-06: 2024 Levy was presented and discussed. A request for a copy of the 2024 Levy with the various percentages will be made by Chairman Christopher Krupp. This topic will be reviewed by the Finance & Insurance Committee at their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The Committee's decision of the Levy's percentage amount will then be presented to the Full Board for their approval.

Before moving to the next items on the Agenda, Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to the Budget. He noted that he had concerns with items listed on the FY2024 Budget. The matter he addressed was that the insurance premiums have increased. Chairman Mr. Krupp gave clarification of why the figures under Torte are higher and is due to it being under budgeted in the past. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that negotiations are currently being conducted with the Health Insurance company. An explanation of Torte was given by State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth.

Lastly, Ordinance 2023-07: Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance (\$214,731.00) and Ordinance 2023-08: Capital Expenditure (Ameresco) Ordinance (\$42,058.00) were tabled until next week's meeting to decide where the funds would be paid out of.

Board Member Steven Whritenour requested consideration of conducting monthly individual Committee Meetings versus two Full County Board Meetings. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that she will contemplate the subject matter.

Bruce Kropp, WJBD, requested that the Board Members not running in the following year's election to identify themselves. It was disclosed that Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, and Bill Henson will not be on the ballot. Brock Waggoner stated that he will discuss his intentions after the Board Meeting.

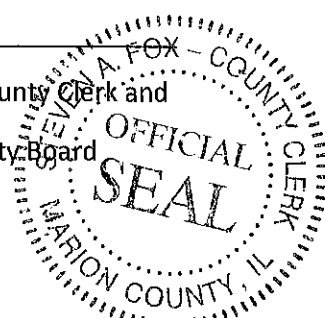
Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 7:41 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 12/12/23

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



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Special Full Board Meeting

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Rebekah Powers

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Michael Douglas

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Melissa Mallo

RICHARD SINCLAIR

Barbra Edwards

Bill Smith

Chuck Ross

Michael Douglas

Tiffany Schickel

Mark Miller

Gary Purcell

Tim Hvospeck

Bill Smith

Gina Phillips

Kasey Angeloni

Serra Morton

Mike Morton

Nick Parker

Sherry Morton

Bob Taylor