

MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Chairman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, followed by County Clerk Steve Fox providing Invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by County Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith and David Iossi. Members absent: Tracy Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to minutes from November 27 and December 13, 2022. Brock Waggoner asked to vote separately since the newly elected members were not present. Motion to approve November 27, 2022 minutes made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote – All Ayes – Motion Passed. Motion to approve December 13, 2022 minutes was made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Before vote Brock Waggoner indicated that their was wording that needed to be changed concerning the County Board Committee list on December 13, 2022 Minutes. It should say formation of committees authorization was being requested.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
1/4%	\$97,562.08	\$76,195.57
1%	\$59,374.87	\$37,410.20

APPOINTMENTS:

Letter received from Illinois South Tourism to reappoint Ben Stratemeyer to serve as representative on their board for a two year term. Another individual's term has expired and it is recommended that Tabitha Meador be placed on the said board for a two year term. Judith Meeks-Hakim made motion to approve appointments and seconded by David Iossi. Brock Waggoner questioned the candidates qualifications. No further discussion. Voice Vote: 11 ayes and one nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

708 Mental Health Board has issued a request for two new members to serve on their board. It is recommended that Mrs. Faith Barton and Mrs. Lisa Ambuehl fill these two vacancies on the 708 Board. Judith Meeks-Hakim made motion to approved and seconded by David Iossi. Before going to vote, Mr. Brock Waggoner questioned their qualifications to serve on this board. After speaking with 708 Board Chair, Bill Henson voice vote was taken. All Ayes – Motion passed.

Request from the 911 Board to replace former Sheriff Andy Garden with Sheriff Kevin Cripps. Steve Whritenour made motion to approve appointment and seconded by Steve Bradley. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

Approval of Bills:

General: \$114,977.57 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steve Whritenour. Before roll call vote Brock Waggoner stated a couple of pages of his bills were missing and noted county board mileage was same for some of the board members and feels mileage should be re-evaluated and properly use IRS mileage, and asked to pay all bills with the exception of the county board until a ruling could be determined. Mr. Steve Fox stated that motion and second had been made and had to be voted on. Roll Call Vote: 11 Ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Insurance: \$370,467.76 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steve Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Judicial: \$647,163.17 Chris Krupp made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Resolution: 2022-104 – Invoice/Resolution for Relationship between the Marion County State's Attorney Office and the Illinois State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor \$17,000. Chris Krupp made motion to approve and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Resolutions 2022-105 through 2022-148. Chris Krupp made motion to approve through Omnibus Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed. These resolutions were from delinquent sales of properties totaling \$61,699.24.

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$6,785.56 Dr. Engel made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Probation's office has been completed and looks very nice. State's Attorney's office remodeling will begin this following week. In addition, a committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2022, with AMERESCO providing updates on projects and future projects. Sally Port start date is in February.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$99,274.67 Steve Whritenour made motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steve Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Sheriff Cripps gave his report on the jail: 2 drug arrests, 29 traffic stops and 616 calls. Inmate count: 86 of which 24 are Feds and 1 juvenile. He further introduced officers that he has promoted: Tyler Parker – Sergeant, Kevin Berry – new Deputy and Jordan Johnson – Detective. In addition, he has ordered his three new Ford pursuit rated pickups. Two will be paid out of his budget and prior approval was given to purchase a third out of the Safety Tax. Also, he wants to move the Dispatch and Booking Units back to where they had been prior to Sheriff Stevenson. That move created a domino affect and created extra officer on duty each of the three shifts. The Officers also are wanting this change to be made. The cost is approximately \$30,000, however, not having to pay the extra staff will create a huge savings to the county by not having that extra officer on duty. Savings could be from \$30,000 to \$100,000 a year.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$39,296.29 Mr. Bill Henson made motion to approve bills and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson reported that during the month that he had picked up ten dogs. In addition, the animal housing at the Centralia Animal Shelter is no longer a problem at this time.

Regarding the flag poles for the courthouse yard, Mr. Henson yielded to Adam Smith who was getting pricing on poles. Metal prices are going up sharply; therefore, once we decide we need to get a quote for all involved. Bradford Supply in Salem has the poles which include 1 – eight foot at \$14.00 a foot and a 1 – 42 foot at \$18.00 a foot. Discussion continued with County Engineer on his thoughts. The Committee will continue seeking more information needed.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$243,981.59 Steve Bradley made motion to approve the bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Brock Waggoner made a comment appreciating the clear nature of the spreadsheets. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Resolutions: 2022-101: ROW Permit – Raccoon Water Company – Green Street. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

2022-102: Resolution for Maintenance – 2023 MFT. Steve Bradley made motion and second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed

Resolution: 2022-103: Resolution for County Engineers Salary – 2023 at \$121,800. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and was seconded by Chris Krupp. This is actually no cost to the county since we participate in the State Program. One-half comes from MFT and the other half comes from STR funds.

Additional information concerning Heinzman Road. Bid was over \$400,000 estimate and is now in the hands of IDOT. It will have to be bid again at some time.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

No committee meeting has been set; however, it appears that this celebration will last all through the year of 2023. More discussion will be forthcoming after a committee meeting.

PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

The final contract received for signatures was received and language is same as approved between the Laborers' Union and County Board. Four year contract (\$2.50/\$2.50/\$1.25 and \$1.25).

ESDA/911 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Gave brief overview purpose of committee. Tornado Sirens throughout the county are very old and costly to repair and an updated system to alert citizens of dangerous situations is a telephone system called Nixel. Salem has this system – approximately 2000 residents are signed up. Each Entity could send out their own messages, IE., water main break, events, etc. The three year contract would be \$11,740.00 each year. Steve Whritenour indicated that the committee made motion to pay out of the County's Safety Tax Fund. He presented to Board and Craig Engel stated there were three major entities in this which would be Centralia, Salem and the County and not burden the villages. Brock Waggoner and Jack Riley expressed concerns of not having the need for this system with other means of alerts that are currently available. Major concern is getting information out to our people by other means.

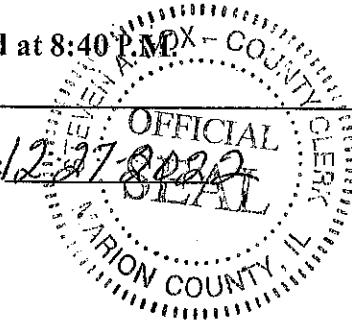
Mr. Whritenour felt we should go ahead and initiate the contract for three years and then down the road look at it again. This bid is only good through 12-31-2022. Brock Waggoner indicated that it is a small amount of money, but is it a redundancy? He further indicated that he did not have enough statistical information to vote on. He further stated he would like to table until more information is provided. There is a ESDA/911 scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 P.M. Jack Riley made second to table until next full board meeting on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Before adjourning Brock Waggoner addressed his question of formation of committee authorization which was posed at last meeting. Question was posed to State's Attorney regarding authority. Also, wanted to assign a special committee for FOIA Officer. Chairman Debbie Smith indicated that she would meet with elected officials concerning FOIA procedures in the County.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Krupp and Steve Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Approved:



Debbie Smith
Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair