

**MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 14, 2023
7:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. - with Chairwoman Debbie Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by County Clerk Steve Fox providing invocation.

Roll Call Vote taken by Board Member Deb Reed. Present were Brock Waggoner, Dr. Creighton Engel, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Steve Whritenour, Steve Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, David Iossi, Tracey Murray, Tyson McHenry and Sharon Woodward. Absent – Bill Henson. Note: Steve Whritenour was attending another meeting and was present at this meeting at 8:30 P.M. Also note: Mr. Engel had to leave meeting at 8:50 P.M.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

See attached Sign-In Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None

APPROVAL OF FULL BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2023

It was noted that under the Bicentennial Committee minutes that Troy Cannon should be changed to Troy Reed. David Iossi made motion to approve the minutes and Sharon Woodward second. Further correction was asked by Brock Waggoner to remove all information of the cancellation of the Codifying of Records meeting due to inclement weather was redundant. So noted, however, the minutes left as written. Voice Vote: 12 Ayes – 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner).

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX

Reported Department of Revenue for Sales Tax:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
1/4%	\$81,710.71	\$77,037.77
1%	\$38,003.07	\$35,291.75

APPOINTMENTS:

Letter from Marion County Housing Authority to appoint Bo Bauer to replace Georgia Miller. Chris Krupp made motion to approve and Tyson McHenry second. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE/INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

General Bills: \$116,668.44

Chris Krupp made motion to approve and Judith Meeks-Hakim second. Mr. Waggoner asked if the bills matched up with projected outcomes for the month/year. Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that he sends out report monthly on status of their budget year-to-date. Mr. Waggoner was questioning also the fiscal printed monthly report and the manual checks written added in at the end of printed report. He wants Chair to ensure that he is advising that the bills are meeting the criteria within policies and budget we have. So noted and will be addressed at the next meeting. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes - 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Insurance Bills: \$351,635.05

Chris Krupp made motion to approve with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Mr. Waggoner again asked if these items were within the budget and he indicated that he would continue to question this until we get this. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes - 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Judicial Bills: \$651,756.84

Chris Krupp made motion to approve with second by Sharon Woodward. Mr. Waggoner also noted same as above. Voice Vote: 12 Ayes. 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-10: Permanent Parcel 11-00-013-650 – Delinquent Tax Sales of which county will receive \$300.00. Motion to approve by Chris Krupp second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-11: Permanent Parcel 14-001-765-00 – Delinquent Tax Sales of which county will receive \$300.00. Chris Krupp made motion to approve second by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Information/Discussion/Action

Court Bailiff Pay:

Per Diem – paid at will. Currently receive \$88.00/day whether it be four hours or eight hours. Proposing rate of \$104.00. Kevin Cripps indicated that there is some monies in budget and noted no overtime budget was used last year. Only two bailiffs work per day. Tiffany Schicker indicated the Circuit Clerk receives filing fees and at the end of the month goes into line item as revenue coded as court security. So far have deposited \$13,000 in that account. Bailiffs' budget was under \$3,000 last year.

Adam Smith indicated this added expense would put the budget over and possibly have to open up budget to revise. Line Item budget has always been \$41,000. The Bailiffs all do not work the same day.

Chris Krupp made motion to table till first full board meeting in March. Brock Waggoner second.

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$23,944.09

Creighton Engel made motion to approve bills and second by Dave Iossi. Mr. Brock Waggoner asked how these bills fit with budget. Mr. Engel indicated there could be a variance for instance as electric bills, etc. Roll Call vote: 12 Ayes. 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion Passed.

Capital Expenditure Ordinance 2023-01: AMERESCO \$546,944.45

Mr. Engel would like to table until next board meeting February 28, 2023 and second by Deb Reed.

Bid: Security Alarm - \$74,500 – replacement of Security Alarm System at Jail. Sheriff Cripps indicated that the fire alarm system is down at jail. Inmates have noticed and are filing grievances. Question as to where money is coming out of will be either the Safety Tax or the Building Fund. Craig Engel made motion to approve and second by Sharon Woodward. Mr. Waggoner questioned if we had another bid. It was clarified that Ameresco had previously quoted over \$100,000 and Security Alarm System bid was \$74,000.

Judith Meeks-Hakim asked about the handicap entrance at the courthouse which are not working properly. Sheriff Cripps said it needs to be addressed.

Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Update on Building and Historical Committee Meeting held on February 9, 2023 with elected officials to discuss future renovations.

Adam Smith and Chris Krupp addressed the Board. Discussion made on projects moving forward that do not fall under Ameresco would be much less expense. For example, Mark Miller indicated he reached out to Shores to paint his office which was quoted at \$3100.00 compared to Ameresco \$5900.00. Security Entrance doors to his office \$14,500.00 with Ameresco at \$62,500. Adam Smith indicated they had decided Ameresco to stay with the ARPA funds and county would seek bids. Renee Pride windows had never been addressed from years back and previous quote from Architect Brian Edmison was around \$62,000. Chris Krupp asked if we should speak with Ameresco regarding heating and cooling.

Additional item Adam Smith addressed was the Moose building as a travesty The mold issue came back before the ventilation was fixed. The upstairs part needs to be torn down. The building is actually only for storage of records; however, it looks like its a storage for furniture and equipment.

Adam Smith also asked Kevin Cripps to speak about the floors giving away under the cells. Ameresco indicated that it would be a very expensive project. Sheriff Cripps thinks it would be at least \$1,000,000 to repair. It needs to be addressed for safety.

Building and Historical Continued

Lease Agreement for Office Space for Pretrial Service

Tim Hudspeth stated he made contact and was told it was actually \$12/mo per year and would be willing to change to \$13/mo per year. Dr. Engel indicated we aren't asking for commercial rates. Tim Hudspeth indicated he thinks they are using the flat state rate. Tim Hudspeth was asked to contact and see if he could negotiate something more.

Tiffany Schicker handed out information on a possible purchase of facility for sale across from the sally port. Is 7000 square feet and could be used by every elected official. (Copy Attached). Asked Board to take serious consideration. Was recently remodeled and has 26 offices. Asks that we place on the next agenda.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY ACTING CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$8,570.18

Steve Bradley made motion to approve bills and was second by David Iossi. Mr. Waggoner questioned as to whether it was in our budget and under appropriate categories. Roll Call Vote: 12 Ayes. 1 Nay (Brock Waggoner.)

Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson gave his report. 16 dogs for months. He asked if he could write a ticket in a Village since the current time he in cannot. This will be referred to State's Attorney for response.

Gary Purcell has some information on the Flag Poles from Americana in Salem. Jack Riley contacted American Legion of the rules of a flag pole in ground.

Wabash trying to access Federal Funding – Identify a grant writer and other providers other than Wabash. Tyson McHenry asked about writing grant which would be around \$50,000.

SUB-COMMITTEE: CODIFYING COUNTY BOARD RECORDS
CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER

No Report

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Approval of bills: \$58,464.54

Steve Bradley made motion to approve with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Mr. Bradley also indicated expenses were in line to date. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – No Nays. Motion Passed.

Resolution 2023-08: County 2023 Aggregate Bid Approval 23-00000-00-MG. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and second by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion Passed.

Road and Bridge Continued

Resolution 2023-09: Township 2023-092023 Aggregate Bid approval 23-(01-17)000-00-GM. Motion made by Mr. Bradley to approve and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

County Engineer Mike McCormick advised current projects are on track and some may be a little over budget. Edgewood Road Project has hit a snag – Federal and State Funding does not meet classification; therefore, our only recourse is to fund locally or wait till other monies become available. He further indicated that the Heinzman Road is over \$400,000 and Green Street Road over \$1,000,000; however, there are funds to cover this.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE ACTING CHAIRMAN CHRIS KRUPP

Approval of Bills: \$96,856.20

Chris Krupp made motion to approve and second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion Passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripp's Report: 697 calls for month – 48 Traffic Stops – 133 Inmates (90 adults with 30 being Federal) – 1 Juvenile – 1 Housed at Jefferson County Jail. Also served 8,287 meals for the month.

Resolution 2023-12: Mutual Agreement with Salem and Centralia Police Department. Salem Police Chief Kyle Ambuehl and Centralia Police Chief Chris Locke were present at the meeting. Chris Krupp made motion to approve and second by Deb Reed. Mr. Waggoner wanted to ensure there was no insurance issue or crime evidence collection issue. Roll Call Vote: All ayes. Motion Passed. Mr. Whritenour is now in attendance and voted yes.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Beans and Corn Bread Meal, March 11, 2023, at Grace United Methodist with Mike Bost in attendance. Talked to Salem Ministerial Alliance regarding event. With reference to time capsule for Bicentennial, it should stay at the Salem museum.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Laborers' Union contract has been signed and sent to union for signatures.

The Personnel Committee met prior to this meeting and hired a Board Secretary, Lori Linder. She will be starting Monday at \$14.50/hour, \$50.00 Meeting and \$500/month as FOIA Officer. This is a part-time employee working no more than 29 hours.

ESDA/911 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN STEVE WRITENOUR

Zoom meeting with Everbridge this date. Andrew Strong will be the co-administrator until this is in place. Going a little slower than anticipated.

Motion to go into Closed Session regarding Litigation made by Brock Waggoner and second by Steve Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes Time: 8:45 P.M.

SUBJECT: LITIGATION

Motion to come out of Closed Session was made by Steve Bradley and David Iossie. Time 8:52 P.M.

Economic Statements are to be returned in by next board meeting. Second issue that the payroll sheet is turned in after the second full board meeting. Brock Waggoner indicated that he was concerned how the pay sheet was worded.

Sharon Woodward made motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes.

Adjourned: 8:59 P.M.



Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman

Approved: 2-28-23