

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 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, Marion County Clerk.

Introduction of new County Board Secretary Lori Linder by Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See Attached Sign-in Sheet

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker distributed a copy of the Circuit Clerk Funding Awards.

She discussed the importance of these grants and how they will be utilized. She also shared information of other grants that she has applied for that will benefit the State's Attorney and the Sheriff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from February 14, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion request from County Board Chair to replace Judy Shafer and Debbie Smith on the Centralia Enterprise Zone Board with Chris Krupp and Adam Smith made by Sharon Woodward with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

## REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

### FINANCE & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Announcement was made that a meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. A Personnel meeting will also be taking place at this time. The topic of discussion will be the budget for the bailiff's pay. Gary Purcell stated that the board is to contact Bellwether. Judge Mark Stedelin clarified that the pay comes from the Sheriff's budget. It was brought to the Board's attention that the meeting for March 2, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. did not meet the 48 hour posting criteria. The County Board Secretary and County Board Chairwoman will be notified when it will be rescheduled.

### BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Discussion was made regarding the 2023 Maintenance Agreement from Phoenix Modular Elevator.

Motion to accept the 2023 Maintenance Agreement from Phoenix Modular Elevator was made by Creighton Engel with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel has not received all of the information for Capital Expenditure Ordinance 2023-01 (Ameresco \$546,944.45). Motion was made to have this tabled by Creighton Engel with second by Adam Smith.

The Pre-Trial Lease Agreement which was tabled at the last meeting was addressed. Guests from the Office of Statewide Pretrial Services were present and included Don Jones, Deputy Director of Operations, Cindy Myers, Deputy Director of Region 5, and Jason Hamann, Region 4 Chief which includes Marion County. The Lease Agreement is attached. The lease space was increased from \$12.00 to \$13.00 per square foot annually for a total of \$1,716.00. Discussion of the importance of having a local facility was made by Judge Mark Stedelin. He continued to express that he wants it done. Motion for the Pre-Trial Lease Agreement was made by Steve Whritenour with second by Sharon Woodward. Adam Smith questioned estimated time to hire a new State Officer. The application process has been opened with interest. Cost of lab testing was discussed and Judge Mark Stedelin stated that he anticipates that this may go down in the future. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. The new contract with the increase to \$13.00 will be sent to the County Board Chairwoman.

## Building & Community Committee – Continued

Discussion of the property purchased located on Schwartz Street. Brock Waggoner mentioned that this topic should be addressed in a closed session. Debbie Smith clarified that the issue to be addressed at this meeting is the preliminary purchase of the property. Motion to go into closed session was made by Brock Waggoner with no second. Continued with an open session. Creighton Engel and Adam Smith inquired if an inspection should be made. Mark Miller, Marion County Assessor, made the Board aware that first a decision needs to be made if the building will be functional and be a benefit. Then earnest money may be given and then an inspection may be made. Mr. Miller continued to address the Board with his support of the purchase of the property. He mentioned location of the County Board Room and the Courtroom during remodeling being a concern. Questions about the budget for the purchase were mentioned by David Iossi. Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, spoke about special funds that she has access for any space that would be available for her, including the current storage building or the property being discussed. Steve Whritenour stated that the current storage building was purchased for this reason. He questioned the maintenance of the building. Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, is unsure if he is in control in maintaining this property per statute. He also stated that the project needs to be completed with an agreement from Steve Whritenour. He also discussed that a decision must be made of who to report to if a problem arises. He also is concerned about the shortness of his custodial staff to maintain multiple buildings. Dr. Creighton Engel discussed advantages of the Moose building with a small amount of remodeling. He also stated that the building is not to be used for storage of equipment or furniture. He mentioned that public access and privacy is not a concern and that there are other areas that could be utilized for office space if needed. He emphasized that this property was a necessity at the time of purchase, and that is was the only space available. Brock Waggoner spoke and is wanting a plan and a system in place for the current property before considering the purchase of new property. Dr. Engel was in agreement. Debbie Smith and Kevin Cripps relayed information of the improvements that have been made. Motion was made to pursue an investigation into the possibility to purchase the property located at Schwartz Street was made by Creighton Engel with second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 4 nays (Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Steve Whritenour, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps, gave information about repairing the handicap entry of the courthouse. A proposal was made from Shores Builders that will be discussed at the next meeting. He also stated that storm damage was reported in Courtrooms 302 and 303 that was caused by water issues caused by strong winds. Bidding has been addressed and started. There are also issues in regards to the rubber roofing of the courthouse. Dr. Engel has contacted the insurance agency and they are in the process of sending an adjuster to inspect the damage. Also included will be the water damage in the courtrooms. Sheriff Cripps also mentioned that he is comfortable with his deputies' area at the entry of the courthouse at this time.

Building & Community Committee – Continued

Dr. Engel clarified that the Moose building was not purchased with tax payer money, but by a capital improvement fund. Adam Smith mentioned that there were issues with the architect and that he has since been released.

Brock Waggoner readdressed the repairing issue of the courthouse handicap entry. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that the Sheriff's app is in place and accessible. The application is called Marion County Sheriff's Office. He also mentioned that the tax payers were not charged for this service. It came from inmate's commissary fund. Marion County Circuit Clerk's app is also linked to this app.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps: Jail Report: 82 Inmates; 24 Federal, 1 Juvenile, 1 held in Jefferson County Jail, and 2 holding for Clay County.

Steve Whritenour acknowledged that Crouse Funeral Home donated 3 defibrillators to the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Cripps stated that every shift will now have access to a defibrillator.

Steve Whritenour would like clarification on the maintenance of the Marion County buildings and which ones are included for the Sheriff's staff. It was mentioned that if multiple buildings, other than what are presently maintained, there is not enough Sheriff's staff to cover these areas appropriately.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Discussion was made regarding the letter from Discover Downstate Illinois and to continue to recognize their bureau for the year 2023. Motion was made to continue with Discover Downstate Illinois bureau for Marion County Illinois by Bill Henson with second by Steve Whritenour. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee – Continued

Resolution 2023-13 moving Centralia 13 Precinct to City Hope Church was addressed by Bill Henson. Motion of Resolution 2023-13 moving Centralia 13 Precinct to City Hope Church was made by Bill Henson with second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Brock Waggoner discussed the purpose for the codification meeting and that he has been in contact with two agencies that provide this service. Motion to approve minutes from February 21, 2023 was made by Brock Waggoner with second by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

No report.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Information regarding the Beans and Cornbread Dinner was given by Adam Smith. It will be held Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at the Grace United Methodist Church in Salem, Illinois. The cost is \$10.00 a ticket (200 nickels).

911/ESDA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Steve Whritenour stated that the next meeting will be rescheduled from March 21, 2023 to April 18, 2023.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Adam Smith presented the Collective Bargaining Agreement-Laborers' December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2026.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Steve Whritenour stated that a change in Sandoval district provider has changed to United Medical Response, Salem, Illinois, for any Advanced Life Support instances.

708 Mental Health Board

Bill Henson stated that the next meeting will be March 2, 2023, 5:30 P.M. at Kaskaskia Workshop.

Marion County Health Department

Creighton Engel confirmed the meeting March 21, 2023.

SCIRPD

Debbie Smith and Gary Purcell stated that there was a meeting scheduled for February 28, 2023 in Effingham, Illinois that was rescheduled from last month.

Marion County Housing Authority

Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that a meeting was held today February 28, 2023. She stated that 152 applications have been received on line with 36 completed. The hiring of a new Property Manager is ongoing.

WIB (Workforce Investment Board)

Debbie Smith stated no meeting and that the meetings are held quarterly.

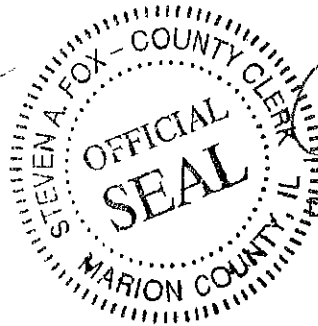
Nothing further to come before the board, Steve Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next full Board Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023 at 7: 00 P.M. – County Board Room – Basement of Sheriff's Office.

Time Adjourned: 8:45 P.M.

Approved: *[Signature]* ✓

Date: 03-14-23



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Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair