

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

June 13, 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, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department, Cory Parker, Marion County Sergeant, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, and Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, Bruce Kropp, and Ben Stratemeyer, South Central Transit.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tosha Somerville scheduled to discuss issues with dogs and road signs in luka did not appear.

Rich Frommeyer, Codification Consultant from American Legal Publishing Corporation, appeared via ZOOM for his presentation. He began with an introduction of himself and an overview of the Codification Staff. Next, he explained why their codification services are important. He expressed the advantage of having organization and easy access to current law for municipal employees and the public. American Legal Publishing also will evaluate and update information when necessitated. In regards to customer service, an actual person will respond. He discussed that a service time line from the beginning to most of the project's completion will be within twelve months. In conclusion, the initial cost of their codification service is estimated to be \$9,000.00. Additional costs of \$20.00 per page for supplements and an annual fee of \$500.00 will be implemented. Payment terms were also discussed. In conclusion, Mr. Frommeyer answered questions from Adam Smith and Debbie Smith. He reiterated that a \$20.00 per page fee will be imposed when entering new information or changes are made. He also responded that their services will evaluate Marion County's Resolutions and include them in the codification if deemed necessary. This concluded the American Legal Publishing Corporation presentation.

Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, distributed a Marion County Circuit Clerk Newsletter. She proceeded with stating that the Public WIFI Access project has been completed. She has applied for a grant for Data Integration and provided information on grants that she will be applying for in the future. She stated that the first site visit for the Courtroom electronic update will occur on June 29, 2023 and will provide details of this project at a future Full Board Meeting. The newsletter also furnished guidance to forms on the Illinois Legal Aid website. In conclusion, her staff has attended some trainings.

Ben Stratemeyer, representative of the South Central Transit Board, distributed data on the expansion of the Marlins Shuttle route. He offered to answer any questions or to retrieve the information if he cannot provide a response himself.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on May 23, 2023 made by Bill Henson with second by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$88,435.33	\$91,612.35
1%	\$45,466.36	\$44,439.91

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$103,818.76 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$64,849.20 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$610,919.65 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2023-03 – The Regional Housing Support Program (RHSP) state fee increase. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Recorder, explained the \$9.00 increase of the recording fee stated within the ordinance beginning July 1. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee - Continued

Resolution 2023-32: Permanent Parcel Number: 06-008-010-00 – Acceptance of full payment delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate and Resolution 2023-33: Permanent Parcel Number: 09-17-303-002 - Acceptance of full payment delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate. The County is to receive \$600.00 from these sales with remaining monies distributed according to law. Omnibus motion to approve these resolutions on said properties made by Christopher Krupp and second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Sheriff Kevin Cripps shared Marion County Public Defender, Craig Griffin’s concern in regards to the security system at the Marion County Public Service Building. At the present time, the Marion County Sheriff’s Department does not have access to any security system footage from that building. Mr. Griffin, with agreement of Sheriff Kevin Cripps, would like for all of the Marion County Buildings’ camera systems to be on one network. This issue will be discussed in the near future.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$1,319,609.11 Committee Chairman Creighton Engel explained this amount includes Ordinance 2023-02 Ameresco (\$1,300,430.84) Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if any engineering releases had been signed in regards to passing the Ordinance 2023-02. Dr. Engel stated that a few releases had been signed by Ameresco. Sheriff Kevin Cripps disclosed that he had not seen any releases, but Ameresco had confirmed with him that four projects had been completed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel continued with stating that the Marion County Courthouse first floor restrooms’ project will be completed within the week. Sheriff Kevin Cripps continued with additional updates. In regards to the Courthouse, he affirmed that the restrooms will be completed soon with the exception that the doors are on backorder and this is causing a delay. They will be operational without them. Issues with the stall doors and toilet paper holders have been resolved. The flooring in the third floor restrooms is being evaluated for changes due to concerns with cleaning. Next, he communicated that the handicap remodeling of the main entry is on hold due to the glass being on backorder. Lastly, the old Boardroom alteration is completed. Rend Lake Plumbing donated fittings to the sink area. He conveyed that his custodian and another staff member would be able to install the countertop and sink in this room. This project with estimates will be discussed at a future Full Board Meeting. He continued with announcing that the flagpoles for the Courthouse have been ordered, but are on backorder and the project may be delayed for 1-2 months.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps reiterated that the Marion County Public Service Building security topic needs to be addressed in the near future. He also relayed that the water pump dilemma in this building still exists after previously repairing two main line breaks. This subject will also need to be addressed soon. Estimates will be conducted by Chairman Creighton Engel.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

He continued with discussion of the Moose Building. Entry may currently be made with the key fobs. The Office Holders and a few of the Board Members will have this option available to them. The security camera footage for the building is obtainable to the Marion County Sheriff's Department. One camera is not working and is a bad camera. It is located for coverage of the main entrance. Security Alarm System has been contacted and they estimate replacement will be approximately \$1,000.00. This will be also need to be addressed in the future. Dr. Engel questioned if it is under warranty. The answer was unknown, but can be researched. Tracy Murray asked if the cameras can be switched, but Sheriff Cripps stated that they are in their proper locations. After entry to the building is made, there is coverage of all the other areas.

In conclusion, the Marion County Sheriff's Department's Shooting Range had several improvements occur during the last few weeks. Marion County Highway Department, Citation Oil, and Fabick Cat have contributed their time and equipment to the project. He shared his gratitude to each of them. The projects with the Sally Ports at the Marion County Sheriff's Department have begun. There has been a temporary alteration to their prisoner's drop off and pick up area while this is being done. The damaged shower panels are currently being repaired, with one completed. The parts for the fire alarm's two-month project have arrived and will start in the near future.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Due to the absence of Chairman Steven Whritenour, Board Member Sharon Woodward conducted the Law Enforcement Committee's presentation.

Approval of Bills: \$60,430.24 Sharon Woodward made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps gave the report on the jail: 745 Incidents, 79 Traffic Stops, 22 Citations – 75 Inmates of which are 18 Federal and 2 Juveniles. 7,362 Meals were served at a cost of \$1.53 per meal. He also reported that his Correctional Officers have been attending several of their required training sessions. He is also working to install two chaplains with the Sheriff's Office. In addition, United Medical Response has donated Rescue Task Force Bags to every deputy, which he acknowledged they are very grateful for. In reference to the squad cars, a third vehicle has been located for the new deputy and he is hoping within the next six months this will be completed. Sheriff Cripps requested that a Law Enforcement Committee Meeting be conducted prior to the next Full Board Meeting in regards to the new Body Camera Laws. Next, he stated that a new scanner has been installed in the dispatch center that will allow the Marion County Sheriff's Department to monitor the Illinois State Police if they are in the Marion County area.

Lastly, he introduced newly promoted Sergeant Cory Parker as his third sergeant. He concluded by stating "as of today, his staff is 100% full."

Creighton Engel had questions in regards to the squad cars which Sheriff Cripps gave a response.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued

Sharon Woodward addressed the Eco-Advantage bid for the bathroom and shower areas in the Marion County Jail. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that this is for the coating for the walls, ceilings, and floors in this area and the two jail cells. Dr. Engel inquired which budget this will be paid from and was informed that it will come from the ¼%. Motion to accept the Eco-Advantage bid for \$9,500.00 and payment made from the ¼% was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$27,463.66 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Administrator, reported that twenty-two dogs were picked up during the month. Ten dogs had to be turned away due to the Marion County Animal Shelter being at maximum capacity and he stated that the stray population is continuing to increase. In addition, two bats were tested. One raccoon was relocated and he went on a hunt for an opossum. The Pet Population Control Fund is still being reviewed and he will give a report as soon as it is available. Mr. Ferguson still would like the Board to consider allowing the elderly to be included in this program. Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested that this issue be addressed in a Committee meeting. Adam Smith questioned the bill for the Animal Control Facility License in the amount of \$300.00. Bill Henson and Deborah Reed clarified that the amount is a \$100.00 annual fee with the \$330.00 fee being a late charge. This is a State fee. Debbie Smith stated that Marion County Board has a \$3,000.00 per month contract only and the over population of the facility should be addressed by the City of Centralia.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner reiterated that the Sub-Committee members recommend that American Legal Publishing Corporation's services be hired for the Marion County codification. He stated that during the presentation from their representative, Rich Frommeyer highlighted that their services include maintenance of their website, easy access to the website for everyone, personal customer service, and that they have a large cliental within the state of Illinois. Mr. Waggoner responded to Bill Henson's question of the estimated cost being a maximum amount of \$12,000.00 initially. There will be the annual fee of \$500.00 and a \$20.00 per page fee for additions. Marion County State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth and Marion County Clerk and Recorder, Steve Fox clarified questions in regards to Resolutions and Ordinances included in the codification. Mr. Waggoner affirmed that a link will be posted on the Marion County website. He also disclosed that this service will be appropriated in the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion to accept American Legal Publishing Corporation to engage with their codification services in the 2024 Fiscal Year Budget for Marion County was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Bill Henson. Prior to Roll Call Vote Steve Fox questioned how it will be paid. Mr. Waggoner expressed that this will be determined when signing the agreement. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$323,089.22 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-28: Ameren Illinois – Perrine Street and Walnut Hill Road. Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer provided an explanation of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-28: Ameren Illinois – Perrine Street and Walnut Hill Road right of way permit was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Brock Wagoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-29: Establish General Speed Restrictions within Marion County on County Roads (Perrine Street). Mr. McCormick stated that he conducted a speed limit study on this area of the road and determined that speed limit can be set at 30 miles per hour. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-29: Establish General Speed Limit Restrictions within Marion County on County Roads (Perrine Street) was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-30: Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Odin Road CH 9. Mr. McCormick provided an explanation of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-30: Improvement Under the Highway Code – Odin Road CH 9 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-31: Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Heinzmann Road CH 35. Mr. McCormick provided an explanation of the Resolution. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-31: Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code – Heinzmann Road CH 35 was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick reported that Heinzmann Road is still in under construction. The Marion County mowing is nearing completion for the first pass. Preparation to oiling is beginning, but this project will not begin until the wheat comes out of the fields.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith announced that he had contact with Jay Wilkins in regards to a display at the Marion County Fairgrounds' Exhibit Building. The Bicentennial Committee has been approved and he will be in further contact with Amy Telford and the Marion County Genealogy Society. The Marion County Farm Bureau is also interested in participating with the exhibit.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent. Motion to approve 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began with the Settlement Agreement between the Central Laborer's Pension Fund and Marion County. A thorough explanation was conducted by Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. The decision to decertify the Central Laborer's Union contract by the State's Attorney's office employees was made prior to Attorney Hudspeth being elected into office. He stated that he recently received notification that these monies are due. (\$30,002.65) This amount will be paid from the Contingency Fund. Motion to pay Central Laborer's Pension Fund Settlement Agreement for the amount of \$30, 002.65 from the Contingency Fund was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Broadband Committee Minutes dated May 9, 2023 and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Broadband Committee Minutes dated May 25, 2023 and seconded by Tracy Murray. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith and Adam Smith explained some details of this committee.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that she has received a request for a conditional liquor license. She is researching this and has tabled this matter. She also relayed that there is one liquor license still available.

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

Time: 8:44 P.M.

Approved: 14 Ayes
Date: 4/27/23



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

