

FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

July 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairwoman Debbie Smith
Invocation by Marion County Clerk Steven A. Fox
Pledge Allegiance to the Flag by Chairwoman Debbie Smith
Roll Call by Marion County Board Secretary Sheri Barter

Members Present: Chairwoman Debbie Smith, Dr. Engel, Ms. Sharon Woodward, Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim, Mr. Adam Smith, Mr. William Henson, Mr. David Iossi, Ms. Angela Hiestand, Mr. James Purcell, Ms. Deb Reed, Ms. Judith Shafer, Mr. Steven Whritenour and Mr. Chris Krupp. Members absent: Wes Gozia and Steven Bradley.

Others Present: Marion County Board Secretary Sheri Barter, Marion County Clerk Steven Fox, Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Treasurer Gary Purcell, Sheriff Andy Garden, Gene Mackey of AMERESCO, WJBD – Bruce Kropp, Salem Times Commoner – Dennis Rosenberg and resident Bill Smith.

Public: Javier Barrios with Good Energy LP – Renewal of Electric Aggregation Program was scheduled to speak; however, he was unable to attend and will be speaking at our meeting on August 9, 2022.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of July 12, 2022 was made by Mr. David Iossi and seconded by Ms. Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 0 nays.

COUNTY CLERK MR. STEVEN FOX

No appointments at this time and nothing further to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Information/Discussion/Action:

AMERESCO – Gene Mackey reviewed the next upcoming renovation phase. He provided a draw-down table to show how payments will be broken down. Phase 3 expenses will be due at the beginning of the County's next fiscal year – December 2022 or January 2023. He also shared slides providing ideas for the entrance into courthouse (security check-in), information on downstairs restrooms and other restrooms in courthouse. Reviewed updated information for Court Rooms but nothing has been finalized.

Gene Mackey indicated that Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell's Office completion was delayed and some changes were being made such as switching Entrance Door and Employee only door; workers' broke glass of one door and it had to be replaced; re-design of pass-through tray, and moving the safe to another location marred the floor.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, asked when her facility would be completed since she was still in need of cabinets, electrical work, A/C, bathroom finished and counter top. Gene indicated supplies are on back-order and are coming in.

Gary Purcell stated that the promise end of completion dates are not being met. He further indicated that the site supervisor Andy is often not there and no one is supervising workers to ensure the projects are properly being done. If Supervisor is not on site, we have to call someone to get supervision. Gary further indicated that a supervisor should be on-site.

Dr. Engel addressed the supply chain indicating materials are difficult to receive, and state-wide there is so much construction due to ARPA funds that labor pool is not very deep. Nobody wants to work which reduces your labor force.

AMERESCO bills totaling **\$789,554.78** were presented for payment:

1 st Amendment to the Energy Services Agreement	\$447,250.28
Energy Service Agreement	\$342,304.50

This request for payment will have to be processed through a Resolution; however, Mr. David Iossi made a motion and seconded by Ms. Judith Shafer to approve this amount pending resolution being prepared. Roll call vote: 13 – yes 0 – No

FINANCE/INSURANCE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Information/Discussion/Action:

Central Laborer's Fund vs Marion County State's Attorney's Office requesting payment of \$1,529.92 by August 13, 2022. Motion made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and second by Angela Hiestand. A second letter was also addressed asking for payment of \$33,730.00 by September 15, 2022 or in 50 monthly installment payments. After further discussion during meeting, Judith Meeks-Hakim and Angela Hiestand rescinded their motion and second in order that the County's Labor Attorney, Andy Martone, could review and issue his findings.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Information/Discussion/Action:

Sheriff Andy Garden provided update on jail renovations.

Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Barter had nothing to report other than she was preparing for the Marion County Fair.

ROAD AND BRIDGE – ANGELA HIESTAND, ACTING CHAIRWOMAN

Information/Discussion/Action:

Marion County Highway Department budget request for the transfer of funds, \$79,000 to an income line to be authorized to increase the equipment line by same amount. Monies to be used to purchase used dump truck and service truck. This was not addressed pending State's Attorney's opinion.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY – CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Information/Discussion/Action:

Bill Henson provided an update on re-finishing the court yard flag poles. Americana provided a bid of \$1400 and is looking into transportation to and from Americana.

WEBSITE – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Mr. Gozia was absent; however, Sheri Barter stated that she was trying to update the website and was having some issues.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Absent – no report

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS – CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Information/Discussion/Action:

State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth provided a letter of Externship Program Affiliation Agreement. This at no cost the county. Motion made by Adam Smith to approve agreement with second by Ms. Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes and 0 nays.

Sheriff Andy Garden expressed how he would like renovation of the security check point in courthouse be at a minimum in order that he could hire with approval of the board an additional deputy for security.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Whritenour gave a brief overlay of what the committee's goals are and what it is looking to do for the county as a whole and looking into Hyper Reach at a cost of \$9,400.00 a year.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

To be addressed at next board meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Steven Whritenour and second by Ms. Angela Hiestand. Roll Call Vote: 13 Yes 0 No

8/23/2022
Approved

Sheri L. Brooks-Barter
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Marion County Board Security

Adjourned: 8:42 PM