

**MARION COUNTY BOARD
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. By Chairwoman Debbie Smith

Invocation by Mr. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance to Flag by Chairwoman Debbie Smith

Roll Call by Ms. Deb Reed, Board Member

Members Present: Chairwoman Debbie Smith, Dr. Creighton Engel, Ms. Sharon Woodward, Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim, Mr. Adam Smith, Mr. David Iossi, Mr. Jim Purcell, Ms. Deb Reed, Ms. Judith Shafer, Mr. Steven Whritenour, Mr. Bill Henson, Wes Gozia, Mr. Steven Bradley and Mr. Chris Krupp. Member Absent: Angela Hiestand. (Mr. Steve Whritenour was late to meeting).

Others Present: Detective Kevin Cripps, Detective Anthony Decker, Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson, AMERESCO – Gene Mackey with Robert Delaney, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Brooks Barter, Salem Times Commoner Dennis Rosenberger, WJBD Bruce Kropp, and citizen Bill Smith.

Elected Officials and Other Guests:

None

Approval of Board Minutes:

Minutes from August 23, 2022: Mr. David Iossi made motion to approve and second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes-Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK: STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>August 2022</u>	<u>September 2022</u>	<u>September 2021</u>
1/4%	\$86,990.72	\$83,499.07	\$69,317.17
1 %	\$35,824.40	\$35,995.80	\$35,595.50

Nothing further to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND INSURANCE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

General Bills: \$115,490.50 (includes manual checks for General Election \$14,748.60 and \$200 for Gary Manual Annual Dues): Chairman Engel made motion to approve and second by Mr. Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed. Steve Whritenour did not vote since he was late to meeting.

Insurance Bills: \$27,461.70 (includes manual checks for Insurance and Bond Premiums - \$800.00, \$339.79 Unemployment and \$17,379.42 Employees Group Life Insurance): Chairman Engel made motion to approve and second by Ms. Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed. Steve Whritenour did not vote since he was late to meeting.

FINANCE/INSURANCE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL(continued)

Judicial Bills: \$603,927.63: Chairman Engel made motion to approve and second by Mr. David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes - Motion Passed. Steve Whritenour was not yet in attendance to vote.

Resolutions: None

Information/Discussion/Action:

University of Illinois – Illinois Extension – Letter regarding monies due from County for FY 2023 in the amount of \$153,000.00. This is an annual expense and is taken out of Tax Levy Funds each year. (Tabled from August 23, 2022 meeting at request of Board Member Wes Gozia). No discussion made at this meeting; therefore, Mr. Steve Bradley made motion to approve and second by Mr. David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion passed.

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL - CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

General Bills: \$\$28,182.38: Chairman Engel made motion to approve with second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes: Motion passed. Steve Whritenour was not in meeting to vote.

Information/Discussion/Action:

AMERESCO Gene Mackey turned over updates of renovations to Robert Delaney. Mr. Delaney indicated they were finishing jail roof top and will work on HVAC controls and should be completed within the next two weeks. Common Doors in the jail are almost complete and they are working on the Pod areas which should be done by end of September – first of October and then will paint and work on controls. With reference to the Courthouse the HVAC system will be completed by the next day after this meeting. Mr. Delaney further stated that there is a sample of trim that he wanted elected officials to see which is in the old Board Room. This trim will be enclosing pipes in rooms and painted same color as walls and will be less intrusive if pipes have to be accessed. Mr. Mackey further detailed the purpose of enclosures of pipes which was to give it a more finished look since pipes are exposed throughout the courthouse which are very unsightly. Will blend into background.

Third floor bathrooms' plumbing and framing will be completed end of week – September 16. The carriers behind the toilets had to be replaced – will paint – lighting and floor will be next steps in completing projects and floors will be epoxy.

First Phase in Probation Office has been completed and Renee's office has moved to the new area. Second Phase will start week of September 19. Renee has indicated she has a lot more room.

Mr. Adam Smith inquired about the control valves on radiators in the offices. Mr. Delaney indicated that they had all been replaced – will no longer leak. Previous company used plastic valves with copper valves which would expand and contract. In addition Mr. Delaney indicated all of the controls will be completed and will meet with janitorial staff on how to regulate temperatures in the courthouse.

Mr. Mackey stated he was in receipt of letter regarding non-compliance of boiler metrics. Issue has been resolved and he will submit form to show that the boiler is now in compliance.

Once heating and cooling are active, on line, and operating – will come the next season change to ensure system is programmed correctly.

Mr. Mackey indicated that he spoke with the elected officials on September 9. He indicated that Gary Purcell appeared to be content with his office area. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated the staff in his office would like to have a small area in the old Board Room for breaks which would include some type of refrigerator and microwave since they have no break room. Dr. Engel stated that he wanted this room be a permanent conference room and that would be acceptable.

Mr. Delaney has been in touch with Gary Purcell regarding the elevator. The sound buffer is not working, but he has a couple of different ideas. The closet already has sound barriers. Mr. Mackey stated a number of issues could be the problem such as footing vibration, triangle foams in door might be magnifying the sound. It is possible the door may have to be replaced.

Discussion to access unisex bathroom on third floor, (key FOB or code lock) in the event person inside of restroom has to be retrieved for some reason. The private (employee) bathrooms will function with key FOB. Doorway of Unisex bathroom is going to be widened since it is not large enough. Mr. Wes Gozia asked if the key lock on the unisex restroom was going to be mechanical or battery, and Mr. Delaney stated it would be battery with key access on outside of door.

Dr. Engel addressed the Moose Building with Mr. Delaney and materials have been ordered and is hoping to be in receipt first part of October. Ventilation will be improved. Two furnaces are in place and an additional ground unit outside will control humidity. Mark Miller stated that the books stored in the building are having stuff growing on them again.

With reference to State's Attorney's office, the staff may have to be split in two different locations (the old Board Room and the library off of the main Court Room).

Mr. Mackey stated that he spoke to the deputy on duty at the security desk on how space could be optimized. Deputy would like to see pass-through buzzer system and then enter for scanning.

Mr. Mark Miller asked when first floor restroom project was going to begin. The State's Attorney's Office will take approximately eight weeks when it begins and the bathroom phase will either start in January or February of next year.

Mrs. Sharon Woodward asked the Sheriff elect if he had any input for the Sally Port Security and he stated he is in process of discussing his thinking with Detective Decker before sharing.

Snow Removal and Lawn Mowing

After discussion with Sheriff Andy Garden, the contracting for snow removal and lawn mowing of the courthouse areas were brought to the board for discussion and action. Member Wes Gozia indicated that it would be more efficient and sheriff's staff would not be using their valuable time. In the past the Janitor was assigned these duties. Dr. Engel made the motion to put out for bid and Mr. Wes Gozia made the second. Voice Vote: All Ayes (note: Mr. Whritenour was unable to vote since he was detained).

In addition, the sheriff is proposing a trash container with wheels be placed on each floor for trash disposal by employees. This receptacle would have a lid and would not be unsightly. This would make removal of trash by janitors much more easier.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Engel asked board members to think about hiring a janitorial service to clean floors, etc., on a quarterly basis or semi-annual basis.

The current full-time janitor is no longer in employment and there was discussion of hiring two part-time janitors. Mrs. Debbie Reed suggested two part-time – one working in the morning and the other working in the afternoon. Each office holder is responsible for cleaning their own office. Mark Miller stated it is easier for his staff to clean when they have a break opposed to being at a janitor's mercy.

The janitor is basically responsible for the common areas of the courthouse and not the office holders' offices.

Mark Miller opposed the idea of having two part-time staff on different shifts. One may refuse to do something and leave for other janitor and vice versa which has been true in the past with the full-time janitor and the part-time janitor. Member Deb Reed stated the positions need a job description.

LAW ENFORCEMENT – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$64,799.11 (includes manual check for sheriff travel \$1,391.84): Motion to approve made by Chairman Whritenour and second by Mr. Wes Gozia. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

Detective Anthony Decker spoke on behalf of the Sheriff to provide monthly report: 14 Drug Arrests, 45 Traffic Citations, 39 Traffic Crashes and 689 Calls. The Merit Board is wanting some language changes on lateral transfers. In addition, the Deputy Hiring List has expired. Hoping to meet with Merit Board by October and bring to the County Board for approval.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY – CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$43,983.20; Motion to approve made by Chairman Henson and second by Mr. David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed. Chairman Whritenour added it is alarming to review the electric costs.

Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson picked up 27 dogs – 24 calls in Centralia and 22 calls within the county. Mr. Adam Smith indicated that we should not be doing animal control for every community. Communities should be responsible for their own animal control.

Mr. Whritenour spoke on behalf of the City of Centralia indicating animal control is a mess. When Mr. Patton and his son Bobby there were no issues. When Bobby Patton transferred to another City Department it has been difficult to fill the job. Position has been posted. Steve Whritenour commended Ken Ferguson for taking care of Centralia. City of Centralia knows there is a serious need of filling this position.

Nothing else to report at this time.

ROAD AND BRIDGE – CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$137,295.10 (includes manual check of \$35,838.00 for International truck and \$5400.00 for Heinsman Row expenses). Motion to approve made by Chairman Bradley with second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – Motion Passed.

County Engineer Mike McCormick was unable to attend meeting; however, Chairman Bradley would reach out to Mike if board had any questions. No questions were posed.

WEBSITE – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

He commended Deb Reed for bringing website current.

MARION COUNTY 2023 BICENTENNIAL – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Nothing to report at this time

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS – CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith reported the union had met with the laborers and an agreement had been met. He indicated on Friday, September 9 he would prepare and send to laborers for final approval and contact the County Board Chairwoman to schedule a date and time to meet with Personnel Committee.

911/ESDA – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County ESDA Coordinator gave her report to date:

August 19-21 Centralia Balloon Fest and Car Cruise

Has a total of five volunteers and only 3 can drive – recruiting volunteers

September 4-5 Kinmundy and Patoka Parades

September 5-9 IEMA Summit Conference (speakers over general topics)

September 8-11 Antique Power Days

September 10 Car Cruise in Salem by WalMart

October 1 Little Egypt Parade; Drew Baldrige concert-Patoka; Derby at fairgrounds; Iron Saddle Rodeo

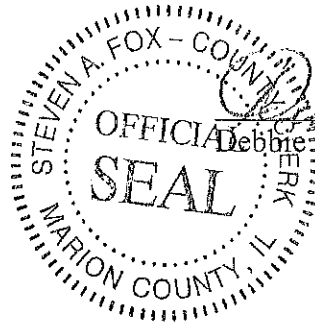
October 19 for 3 ½ weeks Coon Hunters (high, youth and world stakes) Last year there were 3000 dogs

Scheduled a meeting on September 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. Invitations to attend this meeting regarding storm sirens and Hyper Reach were sent to municipality leaders, 911 Coordinators and Fire Chiefs.

Miscellaneous: County Board Chairwoman advised board members that special committee reports would only report once a month instead of two times a month. Special Committee Reports will be addressed at the second board meeting of the month.

There was nothing else to come before the board; therefore, Mr. Steve Bradley made motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Mr. Wes Gozia. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes

Adjourned: 8:30 P.M.



Debbie Smith 9/27/2022
Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair