

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 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, Sharon Woodward, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Creighton Engel (arrived late) and Tyson McHenry.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, Claude Howell, Bruce Kropp, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk, and Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD – No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated September 12, 2023 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Motion for reappointment of the following to the Marion County Board of Health for the terms listed was made by Sharon Woodward and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim.

Dr. Elizabeth Franczyk	11/30/2023 - 11/30/2026
Kendra Taylor	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026
Kyle Clark	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026
Michael Morton	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026
Dr. Seth Hahs	11/30/2023 – 11/30/2026

Prior to Voice Vote, Brock Waggoner requested additional discussion regarding these members and their involvement during the Covid. Furthermore, Bill Henson requested for an individual vote on each person. Motion to Amend to Table was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Jack Riley. Marion County Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith clarified that there has been a request for each member to address the Board prior to making the decision to reappoint the individual. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. All members will be contacted to arrange for them to attend a Full Board Meeting in late October or early November.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCIAL & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with making a Motion to approve Finance & Insurance minutes dated September 6, 2023 and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued by relaying that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. The topic of discussion will be the Budget FY2024 and he is hopeful that it may be finalized at that time.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman, Creighton Engel directed Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps began by relaying that he had spoken with Security Alarm Systems in regards to the security cameras in the Public Service Building. A main concern is the storage to retain approximately 130 days of footage. He is currently waiting for a quote from the company. Brock Waggoner questioned the current system's capacity and storage and if more than 130 days is necessary. Bill Henson inquired if the system would be monitored in dispatch. Sheriff Cripps responded by stating that monitoring will be available in several locations throughout his department. David Iossi had questions with reference to the backup system. Sheriff Cripps will follow through with obtaining this information from XT Solutions. Jack Riley proposed that a camera be placed outside of the Moose Building and will be taken into consideration in the future.

Next, Sheriff Cripps announced that the odor in the Public Service Building appeared to be resolved; however, the last couple of days the stench resulted in the doors and windows being opened. Tate's Plumbing and an additional consultant have been notified. Committee Chairman, Creighton Engel stated that he had spoken with a plumber, and the circumstances causing the issue can be very difficult to locate. Committee Member Christopher Krupp conversed with Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, questioning if the Tate's Plumbing proposal would be approved. Dr. Engel verified that it is listed on the Agenda for this evening. Brock Waggoner spoke with reference to Gas Sniffers and possibly hiring them to detect the source of the problem. Dr. Engel will follow through with this suggestion. The subject of the vents and the grinder pit were discussed.

Sheriff Cripps continued with discussion of the installation of an entrance door into the Courthouse first floor woman's restroom. Ameresco is following through with this matter. The Handicap entrance into the Courthouse has been completed. Replacement of the outside door will occur due to an error with drilling holes. The Sally Port Remodel is anticipated to be completed very soon. Sheriff Cripps will continue to update the subject matter of the Security Entrance to the Courthouse.

Lastly, Sheriff Cripps commended Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, on his achievement of completing the remodel of the Meeting Room in the Courthouse. Mr. Miller distributed pictures of the room, which the Board agrees is very impressive.

Motion to approve Tate's Plumbing, LLC invoice #25199 (\$1,000.00) for Marion County Service Building's Sewer Odor in Upstairs Employee Restroom, Smoke Sewage Vent System, and Reseal of toilet and hole in wall where urinal used to be was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by

Building & Historical Committee – Continued

Christopher Krupp. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Tracy Murray requested clarification of the details of the services that were done. Christopher Krupp explained that it was for the inspection work with the camera and repairing the area in the first floor men's restroom. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In addition, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel addressed the Tate's Plumbing's Proposal (\$3,100.00) for Remove, Inspect, and Reseal Ejector Pit Lid in the Mechanical Room in the Marion County Public Service Building. Motion to approve the Tate Plumbing's Proposal was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Tracy Murray. Prior to Roll Call Vote, an in depth discussion regarding this matter occurred amongst the Full Board Members. Rescission of the Motion was made, and the Board continued with the conversation of how to proceed with resolving the issue. Motion to approve Tate's service call and pay invoice for repairs to resolve the matter in question was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. No vote was made. Dr. Engel will follow through with this situation.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Creighton Engel suggested that Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) remain tabled. Brock Waggoner again inquired if a list of the problems remaining had been created. Dr. Engel gave an oral response. Mr. Waggoner relayed that for Audit purposes he would like to see a complete list of projects from Ameresco. Board Chairwoman, Debbie Smith reiterated that this information is included in the Capital Expenditure Ordinances presented and passed by the Full Board. Exceeding the ARPA Funds was questioned and discussed. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, conveyed that the remodel of the Meeting Room in the Courthouse was quoted at \$100,000.00 by Ameresco, and that it was completed without them. The final expense was \$7,207.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour gave the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Sheriff Cripps began with a discussion of the Safety Act which went into effect on Monday, September 18, 2023. He explained that the jail population has decreased as expected, but that within the next couple of months he anticipates that it will come back up. He is offsetting this with receiving Federal Inmates from Eastern Missouri. The operations of his Department has not been directly affected, with the exception of not detaining some of the people. Bill Henson had questions in regards to the Judge's discretion with releasing a person or keeping them in custody. State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth conveyed a detailed explanation of the factors that are considered for this decision. Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour and Sheriff Cripps commended State's Attorney, Tim Hudspeth for his commitment to his duties of his position.

Sheriff Cripps began with the Marion County Jail report: 64 inmates of which 21 Federal and 1 Juvenile. He relayed that the training on the Body Cameras will begin next Tuesday morning. He is hopeful that by the end of next week that the Marion County Sheriff Department's cameras will be operational. Brock Waggoner questioned if any equipment or data needs to be upgraded while the cameras go into effect. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that a package was purchased and will be evaluated over the next several months by Axon to determine if anything additional is required.

Law Enforcement Committee - Continued

In conclusion, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, reported that the ESDA Department assisted with parking at the Apple Fest at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The number of cars was estimated to be 4,500 for the one-day event. The same day, the Department split up and went to help with the Iuka Demolition Derby and the Salem Car Cruise. During the past week, they also helped with the PKC Dog Coon Hunter's Youth Competition and the Jackson Heights Gospel Concert. Unfortunately, a Sheriff's report has taken place in regards to the Annex Building at the Fairgrounds being broken into. A large pallet containing 30 pound bags of dog food was taken. The approximate value of the loss was \$15,000.00. ESDA monitors this area during an event, but this occurred after everyone had vacated the premises.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson began with the review of the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County Illinois. He stated that there are 15 holidays (including Election Day) in 2024. Motion to approve the Holidays was made by Deborah Reed and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Voice Vote, Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk reviewed the list. Voice Vote: All aye – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Henson acknowledged that the Animal Shelter Agreement with the City of Centralia was included in the Full Board Meeting packet for review. It was signed on May 14, 2013 by the County Board Chairman, Erwin Hahn with an open end date.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed no report until after the contract is signed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted this evening prior to the Full Board Meeting. He relayed that the topic of discussion was the Expiration of the 6-year term for Marion County Highway Department Engineer (Expires 12/31/23). The Committee made the decision to recommend that the Board offer this position to the current Engineer, Michael McCormick. Motion to approve Michael McCormick for this position was made by Adam Smith and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All aye – No nays. Motion passed. Mr. McCormick will provide the Board with the appropriate Resolution information from IDOT. Brock Waggoner complimented Mr. McCormick and his openness for public comment.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour began by making a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 12, 2023 and seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour requested that Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County be tabled until the next Committee Meeting scheduled on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that this item was previously approved, but now is put into Resolution form.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith entertained for a motion for the Committee Meeting Minutes which was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. David Iossi made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 6, 2023 and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Smith added that a Closed Committee Meeting occurred earlier this evening. The topic of discussion was the Union's Counter Proposal of the Marion County Highway Department's Laborer's Contract. The Committee made the decision to reject the Counter Proposal and continue with the Committee's initial proposal.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that there is nothing to report at this time.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began by stating that a presentation at the Daffy-Dill Garden Club meeting was conducted by Mark Decker. The main subject was William Jennings Bryan. Adam Smith and Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested that he be presented with a gift at the end of the year for his participation.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator offered to display the Bicentennial banner on the ESDA Hummer in the Little Egypt Parade in Salem. The Board Members accepted this suggestion.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps is currently a new member of this Committee.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson relayed that the next meeting will be December 7, 2023 at 5:30 P.M. He also stated that there will be 3 Committee vacancies at the end of this year and they are accepting recommendations.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that a meeting is scheduled for this evening and Gary Purcell will be attending.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Steven Whritenour and Judith Meeks-Hakim were not able to attend the recent meeting. Mr. Whritenour relayed that today was the Committee's Annual Meeting with residents. Kelly Tinsley, Executive Director was commended for her work with the Marion County Housing Authority.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representatives Debbie Smith and Deborah Reed did not attend the last meeting due to the Committee having the incorrect email addresses.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Adam Smith and Christopher Krupp relayed that the next meeting is scheduled in November, 2023.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that the next meeting will be in December, 2023. He stated that it is reported that their Budget was passed.

Brock Waggoner distributed information with reference to other counties and their Audits.

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

Time: 8:15 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 10/10/23

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

