

**MARION COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

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

Pledge to the Flag led by Chairwoman Smith and Invocation by Mr. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of the Marion County Board.

Roll call by Ms. Deb Reed, Board Member.

Members present: Ms. Angie Hiestand, Mr. Jim Purcell, Ms. Sharon Woodward, Dr. Craig Engel, Mr. Wes Gozia, Ms. Deb Reed, Mr. Bill Henson, Ms. Judy Shafer, Mr. Steve Whritenour, Mr. Steve Bradley, Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim, Mr. Chris Krupp, Mr. Adam Smith, Ms. Debbie Smith and Mr. David Iossi. Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Salem Times Commoner Dennis Rosenberger, Sheriff Andy Garden, Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Sheriff Elect Kevin Cripps, County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker, Jail Administrator Troy Reed, WJBD Bruce Kropp and resident Bill Smith.

Approval of Board Minutes: Motion made by Mr. David Iossi with second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Appointments:

Correspondence dated September 15, 2022 from Stacey Arenas, 911 Coordinator, requesting replacement of Jamie James with Chris Locke on the ETSB (Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board). Motion made by Jim Purcell to approve replacement with second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Correspondence dated August 23, 2022 from Stacey Arenas requesting re-appointments of Mike Squibb and Greg Earle to the 911 Board. Motion to approve appointments made by Ms. Sharon Woodward and second by Mr. Steve Whritenour. Voice Vote: All Aye – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Correspondence dated August 22, 2022 from Marion County Health Department Administrator Melissa Mallow to reappoint Dr. Creighton Engel, Keith Kessler, Paula Strother, and Tom Turner to the Board. Terms expire 11/30/22 and re-appointments run through 11/30/25 with exception of Dr. Engel and his term expires 11/30/24. Motion made by Mr. Steve Bradley to approve the appointments with second by Mr. Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

FINANCE AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Resolution 2022-92: Parcel No. 12-07-102-035 (Bailey, Jayne III and Murphy) monies from sale of property. Bid of \$823.00 of which \$300.00 will be received by county and remaining disbursed according to law.

Resolution 2022-93: Parcel No. 14-00-063-680 (Situs Cultivation, LLC.) monies from sale of property. Bid of \$823.00 of which \$300.00 will be received by county and remaining disbursed according to law.

Resolution 2022-94: Parcel No. 14-00-061-040 (Situs Cultivation, LLC.) monies from sale of property. Bid of \$823.00 of which \$300.00 will be received by county and remaining disbursed according to law.

Omnibus Motion to approve the above Resolutions 2022-92 through 2022-94 (monies totaling \$900.00 to County) made by Dr. Creighton Engel and Second by Ms. Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING AND HISTORICAL COMMITTEE- CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Reported that demo was done on Public Service Building and have moved to other side for remodeling to continue.

Courthouse third floor bathrooms – studs are up, drywall completed and coating walls. Floor is expected to be poured within the next two weeks. Nothing further to report.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Whritenour had nothing to report. Sheriff Andy Garden indicated he has approximately one and one-half months before retirement. He further indicated that population was up to 97 inmates. Jail doors are about done and the roof has been completed with exception of not being capped as of yet. AMERESCO has not started the Sally Port project pending receipt of a door.

Chairman Whritenour asked Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker status on the pending Safety Act that becomes law January 1, 2023. Ms. Schicker indicated that a meeting was held among herself, Judge Stedelin, Craig Griffin. Once a plan is in place the law enforcement staff will be included. Further general discussion on the Safety Act.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Henson addressed issue on having flag poles powder coated. Lander's Tow Service has agreed to remove the flag poles, transport to Americana, return to courthouse yard and set in place at no expense to the County. Chairman is working on time frame.

COUNTY AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

Mr. Steve Whritenour indicated that the City of Centralia has hired a full-time Animal Control Officer which should lessen the burden of Marion County Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson.

County Clerk Steve Fox addressed the lists of election judges for appointment which are to be approved by the Board. The lists are broken down by party and precincts. Board approval is required before submitting to Circuit Court for a hearing and approval. Motion was made by Mr. Bill Henson to approve list with a second by Mr. Steve Bradley. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2022-05: Mr. Mark Miller requested Ordinance be approved to opt-out of Preferential Assessment for Affordable Rental Housing Construction and Rehabilitation Pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/15-178. He explained the county would not benefit from this program and thought it in the best interest of the County to opt-out. Motion was made by Mr. Jim Purcell to approve Ordinance 2022-05. with second by Mr. David Iossi. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE BRADLEY

Chairman Bradley had nothing to report at this time.

WEBSITE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Since Ms. Deb Reed has the website updated with current County Board information and is maintaining the site, Mr. Gozia determined that this committee was no longer necessary. Motion to dissolve committee was made by Mr. Wes Gozia and second by Ms. Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN WES GOZIA

Mr. Gozia has been in touch with Mark Decker and is hoping to have information to present at the next Board meeting.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Smith stated that the committee is in receipt of the Laborer's contract proposal and arrangements are being made to Contact the County's Labor Attorney Andy Martone in order to set-up a committee meeting to discuss proposal. The Personnel/Labor Relations Committee was told that a meeting will be held in the near future and to look for information forthcoming.

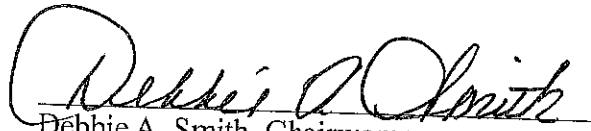
REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911 708 Mental Health	Steven Whritenour-Board Rep. Bill Henson – Board Rep.	Unable to Attend Paid out providers and Website Status
Marion Co. Mental Health Bd. SCIRPD Liquor License Committee Marion County Housing Authority WIB (Workforce Investment Bd)	Dr. Creighton Engel-Board Rep. Debbie Smith/Gary Purcell Liquor Commissioner Debbie Smith Judith Meeks-Hakim/Steve Whritenour Deb Reed/CEO Debbie Smith	Approved Budget New Lic. Pending Meeting Canceled Meeting emphasizing Student Apprenticeship

Nothing further to come before the board, Mr. Steve Whritenour made motion to adjourn with second by Dr. Creighton Engel. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes – 0 Nays. Motion Passed.

Adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

10-11-2022
Minutes Approved


Debbie A. Smith, Chairwoman
Marion County Board

