MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Court Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tracy Murray (arrived late), Brock Waggoner, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell announced that House Bill 3940 Tax Sale Legislation is currently going through the Illinois House of Representatives. He recommended that the Board Members examine this item.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour provided information regarding the vacancy of the District 3 Board Seat. He briefly shared the individual history of Shawn Richards, a candidate that had shown interest of filling this position. Mr. Richards was unable to attend this evening's Meeting due to a personal matter.

Chairman Mr. Whritenour made the Motion to appoint Shawn Richards to the Open Position District 3 Board Seat and was seconded by Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Marion County Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour handed the official EMA appointment letter from the State of Illinois to Marion County EMA Coordinator Andrew Strong. Mr. Strong will sign and forward the document.

APPOINTMENTS;

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed the letter received from Mark Miller, Chairman of the Marion County Farmland Assessment Committee and Marion County Supervisor of

Appointments -Continued:

Assessments regarding the reappointment of Steve Brummel to the Marion County Farmland Assessment Committee to an additional 2-year term to run from 6/1/26 – 5/31/28. Josh Dunahee made the Motion to reappoint Steve Brummel and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the letter received from Vicki Smith, Odin Fire District Secretary/Treasurer regarding the reappointment of Mr. Don Decker to the Odin Fire Protection District Trustees to an additional 3-year term. His term expired on May 1, 2026. Sharon Woodward made the Motion to reappoint Don Decker and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the letter received from Stephen Squibb, Salem Fire Protection District Board President regarding the reappointment of Mr. James T. Somer to the Salem Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to an additional 3-year term. His term expired on May 1, 2026. Sharon Woodward made the Motion to reappoint James T. Somer and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the letter received from Richard Day, President, Roger Meyer, Secretary, Michael Vandeveer, Treasurer, and Kevin Day, Fire Chief of the Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District Board of Trustees regarding the reappointment of Mr. Richard Day to the Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District Board of Trustees to an additional 3-year term. His term expired on May 1,2026. Tracy Murray made the Motion to reappoint Richard Day and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Board Member Chris Krupp addressed the XT Solutions invoices for VA Ron Peters' laptop, docking station, and monitor. The funding for the purchases was debated and discussed. Mr. Peters was present and answered questions from the Board Members. Josh Dunahee made the Motion to pay the VAC invoices in the amount of $1,321.51 from the Contingency Fund and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made the Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2026 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by stating that there was a misunderstanding with respect to the 2 vehicles that Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps is donating to the Marion County EMA. There continues to be vehicles that he wishes to surplus from his Department. This information was verified during further discussion.

Following, Sub-Committee 911/EMA Liaison Cody Rose addressed the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Salem, Illinois and Marion County Illinois for Emergency Management Services. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth had reviewed the Agreement. The only change that Attorney Hudspeth noted was to change the name to the Marion County EMA on the Agreement. A brief discussion transpired.

Cody Rose made a Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Salem with Marion County with the name change to Marion EMA and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Marion County EMA Coordinator Andrew Strong provided Information regarding the updated pricings of 2 Ford Expeditions and a generator for the Agency. Previous discussions had occurred during the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting at the beginning of the month. In addition, he shared details of the necessity of a larger generator for the building. Bids were received from Purcell Electric and TOP Electric for its purchase. A thorough debate regarding the EMA purchases occurred, and all questions and concerns from the Board Members were addressed.

Josh Dunahee made a Motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Expedition and the equipment for the vehicle at a total cost of $20,413.00 (line item #001-014-790221) and was seconded by Cody Rose. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Sharon Woodward, Deb Reed, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Josh Dunahee made a Motion to approve TOP Electric to install a 26 kilowatt Generator for the amount of $16,000.00 (line item #001-014-790221) with gas included and doing the HVAC single phase air conditioning for one thermostat to not exceed $6,000.00 for a total up to $22,000.00 (line item #001-014-790221) was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The publishing for Bidding was not required due to the projected cost being under than $30,000.00.

Regarding the surplus of the non-functioning EMA vehicles, there will be 5 Chevrolet Impalas and 1 Ambulance. The surplus will also include 1 operational ambulance and 1 side by side. Prior to relinquishing the vehicles all VIN numbers and their titles will be available.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp circumspectly addressed the payment for the medical invoice. A brief debate of whether this matter had been resolved transpired.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve the payment of the invoice ($3,585.51) with no second. Motion failed.

Further discussion occurred, and it was determined that more information is required for clarification.

Debbie Smith made a Motion to Table the Medical Invoice Payment and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-30: Permanent Parcel Number: 11-00-008-800 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive $300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Josh Dunahee, Cody Rose, and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Lastly, the FY 2025 Audit is progressing well.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour began by addressing Ordinance 2026-03: Budget Appropriation for Lease/Purchase Autos. A comprehensive explanation for the Ordinance was provided. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Ordinance 2026- 03: Budget Appropriation for Lease/Purchase Autos will lay for 15 days, and then presented to the Full Board on June 23, 2026 for final approval.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 23, 2026 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEB REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began with an explanation of the new payment policy regarding the elevator certification for Marion County. The National Association of Elevator Contractors (NAEC) currently requires remittance via credit card for their certificates. Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed provided detailed information with respect to the assignee, the approval of all transactions, and the benefits of the County having a credit card. She made the recommendation that Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder be the delegate. A discussion occurred with responses to all questions and concerns.

Following, Deb Red made the Motion for "Lori Linder to be able to get a credit card for Marion County" under the name Marion County Secretary with Lori Linder, Steve Whritenour, and/or Tracy Murray as assignees and with a credit limit of $5,000.00 and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Adam Smith began by opening the floor to Highway Engineer Alex Kreke. Engineer Kreke conveyed the details regarding Resolution 2026-31: Resolution 2026-31: Intergovernmental Agreement Between Foster Township and Marion County (Culvert Replacement).

Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-31 and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Following, Board Member and EMA/911 Liaison Cody Rose conveyed updated information regarding SAM.gov account.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Liquor Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that Marion County Fair had applied for a Special Event Permit. The application listed 3 events, and a fee will be collected for each occasion.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a made a Motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 6-23-26

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk

5-26-26

Full Board Meeting

Guests

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MARK MILLER

Ron Peters

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Steven Brenneman

Mark Miller

Claude Howell

Gary Purcell

Alex Kuhn

Andrew Strong

Jerod Burner

Bruce Kropp

Dennis Rosenberger