

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 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, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Tyson McHenry, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Creighton Engel (arrived late), Bill Henson, Steven Whritenour and Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith introduced Liam Mungovan, Superintendent Veterans Assistance Commission of Franklin County and Robert Shehorn of the Centralia American Legion and President of the Centralia VAC. A handout (see attachment) was distributed to each Board Member and, Mr. Shehorn continued to explain that their presence is to request the re-establishment of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) in Marion County. This is a County requirement by Illinois State Law. Both gentlemen expressed the importance of reinstating the program. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that further discussion and possible action will occur at a future Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting. All information and consideration with regards to this program will be conveyed to the Full Board and Mr. Shehorn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Miller requested that the minutes include that Mr. Miller stated "that there would be no video recording during his Property Tax Cycle presentation," which was a private type of event. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "so noted," and continued with the Voice Vote. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed. *Waggoner*

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$85,276.58	\$82,499.62
1%	\$50,600.04	\$44,033.33

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$98,726.40 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned a \$550.00 personal bill from Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments. Mr. Waggoner expressed his opinion for not paying the bill due. He recalled that Mr. Miller had stated that the Property Tax Cycle presentation was a personal work product; therefore, it should not be a reimbursable bill. He continued to convey that he has been denied "presentation material, specific a power point." Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "so noted" and relayed that it had been released to the public. Mr. Waggoner was persistent with his displeasure of accepting the bill. He relayed that he has text messages from Mr. Miller and could share them with the Board Members. He noted that "Mr. Miller threatened to have him walked out by the Sheriff's Deputy that was in attendance at a prior meeting that he had attended and recorded." Mr. Waggoner continued to raise his concerns regarding violations with First Amendment Rights and State Laws. In conclusion, he reiterated that "the bill is not a County reimbursable bill." Mrs. Smith stated "so noted" and attempted to continue with the Roll Call vote. Mr. Waggoner interjected and was told that he was Out of Order. He insisted that Mr. Miller needs to be present to explain the reason for submitting the bill, and made an Amended Motion to exclude Mr. Miller's bill. Discussion with regards to accepting the Amended Motion transpired. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth clarified this matter. A Motion to accept the Amended Motion was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Sharon Woodward). Motion passed. A Roll Call Vote on approving the General Bills with the exception of Mr. Miller's bill occurred. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$60,043.25 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the 2 Symetra Financial bills. Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk clarified that it may be due to the billing cycle. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$703,177.03 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2024 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-45: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-20-003-495 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law, Resolution 2024-46: Permanent Parcel Number: 11-00-008-760 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law, and Resolution 2024-47: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-006-044-24 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$638.72 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned why the County is just now receiving these. State's Attorney Tim

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Hudspeth explained the procedure. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Following, State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented a brief description of Resolution 2024-48: State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Agreement. He did express that there is an increase in payment to \$22,000.00 for FY2025, and would like the payment to be held until after December 1, 2024. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned since the Resolution’s number is 2024 could it still be paid from the FY2025 Budget. Attorney Hudspeth verified that it could be done without any issues. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-48 with having payment made after December 1, 2024 for FY2025 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp allowed Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell to address the City Intergovernmental Agreement with Marion County. Board Member Jack Riley requested to add “City of Salem” to the Agreement and was accepted. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the City of Salem Intergovernmental Agreement with Marion County and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing, the Veterans Assistance Commission was previously addressed and discussed during this meeting. Mr. Krupp will follow through with gathering information with regards to this matter and will relay it when available.

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that the FY2025 Budget is approximately \$1 million in the hole. Lowering the Building Repair and Maintenance Fund is being looked at to decrease this amount and also any unrecorded revenue. This procedure is ongoing.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp reported that the FY 2022 Audit is still being processed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Chairman Creighton Engel was absent and Acting Chairwoman Deborah Reed proceeded with the Committee’s report.

Approval of Bills: \$31,318.69 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Acting Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed stated that the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated September 18, 2024 were previously approved.

In conclusion, Mrs. Reed conveyed that the window project is anticipated to begin in November or early December, 2024. She reiterated that a copy of the Building Projects was mailed out to each of the Board Members.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent and Committee Member Steven Bradley proceeded with the Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$138,323.69 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Roll Call, Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions for Sheriff Kevin Cripps regarding the 2 Flock Safety bills. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that payments will be taken from the Drug Fund and are for a camera system (license plate readers). They are considered a Crime Fighting Tool and do not check speeds. Vote Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 55 inmates with 36 being Federal and 1 Juvenile. Housing for Juveniles remains an ongoing issue, but the Department is doing the best they can under the circumstances. Lastly, Sheriff Cripps informed the Board of an upcoming issue regarding the Advanced Health Care Contract and increasing their rate by approximately \$70,000.00. They now require having RNs instead of LPNs present at the facility 5 days a week and a Doctor on call 24 hours a day. This item will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting.

Lastly, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her monthly report. She conveyed that the Agency recently worked at the Little Egypt Festival and the Fall Brawl Marion County Demo Derby. She stated that upcoming events include Halloween Patrol in Salem, Patrol for the Halloween Festivities and Parade in Centralia, and the Sandoval Homecoming. She has hired 3 new ^{volunteers} members with this making her a total of 14 for the Marion County ESDA Agency. In closing her report, she relayed that she will be donating her remaining COVID supplies to the Hurricane victims in ^{South} Carolina.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson was absent and Committee Member Tracy Murray proceeded with the Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$7,410.54 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned a bill submitted by Marion County Clerk Steve Fox from the Westside Storage Centralia. Mr. Fox conveyed that it contains the Voting Booths for Centralia. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that he picked up 10 dogs and 1 owl. The owl had been hit by a car and was sent to a rescue facility. In addition, he stated that he had received several telephone calls from concerned citizens regarding the City of Centralia not accepting animals from Marion County due to lack of space and from the municipalities. This is a serious matter and is currently being addressed. A County & Community Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Representatives from the Municipalities within Marion County have been invited and the public is being encouraged to attend. Committee Member Tracy Murray conveyed that Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Committee Chairman Bill Henson recently met with the City of Centralia regarding their Animal Control Agreement with Marion County. The monthly fees were discussed. The City of Centralia is currently charging Marion County \$3,200 a month for housing animals from unincorporated areas, but is wanting to increase this charge to \$6,202.50 per month. Incorporated areas are still not included in their services. Mr. Murray and Committee Chairman Bill Henson have met with the Fayette County Animal Control and will be

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meeting with Clinton County's also to gather information and get their input with regards to resolving Marion County's issues. All information will be taken into consideration and additional particulars are forthcoming.

A copy of the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois was not appropriately scanned into the Full Board Meeting's packet. Tracy Murray made a Motion to table the review and approval of the Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that documents remain in the process of being prepared and forwarded to American Legal Publishing. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned if payments will be made in FY2024. Mr. Waggoner conveyed that the payments are to be made in a 40%, 40%, and 20% schedule. The initial payment has been made with the others to be made as the project progresses; therefore, the charges will be carried over in the FY2025 Budget.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$374,604.81 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley presented two Resolutions. Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow gave an explanation of each and questions were answered.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-49: Agreement for County Bridge Project/Clinton County 24-02018-00-BR and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-50: Bid Approval-RRX 22-01020-00-FL Basom/Curry Road, C-Hill Civil Contractors, INC., 14 Dean Street, Campbell Hill, IL 62916. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow presented the Highway Department's Monthly Report. In addition, she provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting's Packet (see attachment). Board Member Tyson McHenry voiced concerns regarding no signage for closure on Meridian Road, Sandoval, Illinois. Mrs. Snow stated that it has been corrected. Sheriff Kevin Cripps announced that if anyone sees an issue with signage to contact his office, and he will see that it is rectified. In addition, Mr. McHenry had questions in regards to the repairs to Range Road, Odin, Illinois. Mrs. Snow responded that the contractors working on the Green Street and Odin Road project are the same; therefore, she does not have a time frame of when they will get to it because they are continuing the work on that operation. Board Member Brock Waggoner commended Mrs. Snow for her written report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent; therefore, nothing new was reported.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Closed Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting regarding FOP Negotiations was conducted on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. The agreement is anticipated to be completed in the near future and will be presented to the Full Board. Board Member Brock Waggoner requested that a copy to be approved be issued to the Board Members earlier than the Friday prior to the Meeting. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated that it has the ability of being accomplished.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Committee Chairman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were no renewed their liquor license.

Prior to adjournment of the Meeting, Christopher Krupp announced that referring back to the Veterans Assistance Commission, the property taxes on a \$100,000.00 home would increase approximately \$8.00.

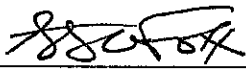
Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Bradley made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:57 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

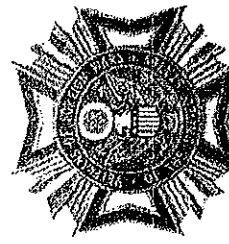
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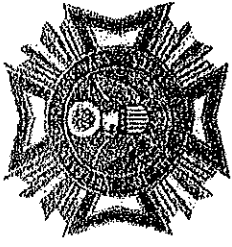
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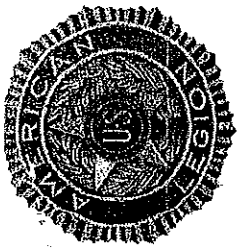
Veterans Assistance Commission of Marion County

October 8, 2024



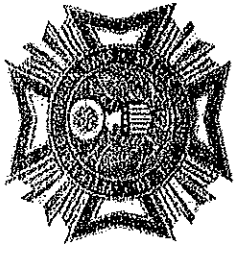
Organization

- Comprised of majority of the Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) in Marion County: American Legion Post #446 Centralia, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #76 Centralia, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2055, Centralia.
- Each VSO has a delegate and an alternate.
- Veteran Assistance Commission Board is comprised of President, Vice President, and Treasurer/Secretary.
- We will have a Superintendent run the daily operations and serve as the Veteran Service Officer for Marion County Veterans.
- The county may appoint a representative to the Commission who may attend any public meetings of the Commission. That representative shall be a veteran, may not have voting rights or hold any office or title on the Commission, and may not be present during any nonpublic meeting of the Commission, except authorized.



Purpose

- Promote the welfare of the veterans of the uniformed services of the United States of America whose final discharge is honorable or general under honorable conditions, and those authorized by the board, to include their families as governed by 330 Illinois Compiled Statutes /45 et seq. (as amended by P.A. 102-0732) entitled, "Military Veterans Assistance Act" of the Illinois Revised Statutes to include revisions and future amendments thereto by providing the just, necessary, and needed services and assistance to veterans, their families, and the families of deceased veterans.
- Act as a central service office for all veterans, their families, and the families of deceased veterans residing in the County of Marion.
- Have the oversight of the distribution of all relief and supplies and services that may be appropriated for the benefit of veterans, their families, and the families of deceased veterans.
- Administer and process all Federal and State government claims for veteran benefits.
- Administer all of the programs provided in Article VI and IX of the Illinois Public Aid Code, 305 ILCS 5 et seq., as commanded in 305 ILCS 5/12-3.



Marion County Board Request

- Seek to be formally recognized by Marion County Board per ILCS 330/45.
- Request an office in a county building or central location to be used solely by the commission to carry out its assistance work and to provide funding for furnishings, supplies and services, including but not limited to, human resources and payroll support, information technology services and equipment, printing services and equipment, postage cost and liability insurance per provisions of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/1-1001 et seq.) and public act 102-1132 (HB 2369).
- Request tax levy of 0.0289% assessed value of the taxable property (per 55 ILCS 5/5-2006) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-2006) in the county for funding Marion County Veterans Assistance Commission budget.
- Seek to work with Marion County Board to positively impact the lives and welfare of the veterans and their families of Marion County while providing a financial benefit for the Marion County community.

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Salem, Illinois 62881
Phone 618-548-3887
Fax 618-548-3895*

Attn: Steven Bradley, Road & Bridge Chairman

County Highway Department Monthly Report

Maintenance Crew is continuing with fall mowing back of Right of Ways as well as continuing with regular road maintenance.

Construction continues on Green Steet and Odin Road.

Green Street 65% complete

Odin Road Bridge 65% complete