

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:32 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

Prior to Roll Call being taken, Board Chairman Debbie Smith conveyed an explanation for relocating the Full Board Meeting to Courtroom 302.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tracy Murray, Creighton Engel (arrived late), and Steven Bradley.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Bob Wright stated that he had previously attended a meeting and voiced his concerns with the Tonti (Bee Branch) Road and Kinmundy Road intersection. He conveyed that his telephone number was taken and he never received a call from the Marion County Highway Department. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder verified that she had notified the Department, and that she will reach out again to the Interim Highway Engineer, Marilea Snow and have her contact Mr. Wright. Additionally, he inquired the amount of money that the County has at this time. Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell responded that the current balance for all of Marion County is approximately \$30 million. See attachment regarding spending from accounts regulated by statute.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that the reminders for delinquent Property Taxes have been distributed. He stated that he had sent postcards to help lessen the County's expense of the certified notices and the publishing in the newspapers.

Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker confirmed with the Board that the application for the ADA Grant has been forwarded and she is awaiting a response. An additional grant has been brought to her attention, and she will relay more information as soon as it is available.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated that he would address the issue with the check from the previous meeting at this time or with the Finance portion of this meeting or the first meeting in November with the bills. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that he could continue to address the matter since it had been paid. County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned why it had been paid when it had not been approved at the meeting conducted on October 8, 2024. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith then stated that it would be addressed during the Finance & Insurance Committee portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 8, 2024 with the following corrections and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Mr. Waggoner noted that the name "Brock Miller" needs to be changed to "Brock Waggoner," and that he wanted to clarify that Mr. Miller stated that it was a personal work product, not him. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith stated "so noted." In addition, Law Enforcement Chairman Steven Whritenour relayed that Sheri Barter, ESDA Coordinator requested a correction; "She has 3 new 'volunteers' not 'hires.'" Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that a letter from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller was received requesting to appoint John Gaston to the Board of Review for a 2-year term to expire in October, 2025. He will be replacing Board of Review member Wayne Walker whose term is expiring this month. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to appoint John Gaston and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Board Member Tyson McHenry questioned the procedure for finding a candidate for this position. Mr. Miller presented a detailed explanation, which included that the State is restricting their qualifications for Board of Review's members. Board Member Brock Waggoner challenged if there was a conflict of interest with Mr. Gaston currently serving on the Salem Grade School Board. Mr. Miller stated that he feels that it does not exist, because each Board of Review member "takes an oath to fairly assess every property." Mr. Waggoner continued to disclose that he felt that there were other individuals that should have been considered. An audience member, Josh Dunahee announced that he would be interested. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith advised everyone that the Full Board Meeting was in session, and there should not be any audience participation unless they are addressed. Board Member Sharon Woodward expressed her support for Mr. Gaston. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry) – 1 Abstain (Steven Whritenour). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 8, 2024 and was seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing, Mr. Krupp addressed the bill and payment regarding Marion County Supervisor of Assessment Mark Miller's presentation "The Property Tax Cycle." He conveyed that his understanding was that the Board discussed if the check was County business without a final decision. According to the minutes, the bills were approved minus Mr. Miller's bill. Mr. Miller was allowed to speak. He explained that the check had been paid out of the GIS fund and does not require previous Board approval. He reiterated that the monies in this fund is not from County Property Taxes, but from recordings. He

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continued by explaining how he has saved the County a substantial amount of money by utilizing this fund. A thorough debate transpired with respect to the issue of it being used for a personal or as a County expense. Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions regarding a previous discussion he had with Mr. Miller about it being a personal presentation. Mr. Miller responded that it started that way, but not at the conclusion. During Mr. Miller's response he was interrupted by Mr. Waggoner, and Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith gaveled him down. Mr. Miller attempted to continue with Mr. Waggoner interjecting. Mrs. Smith and fellow Board Members Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith made efforts to quiet Mr. Waggoner while Mr. Miller spoke. Mr. Miller described how the presentation became a County project. It is currently available for the public to view by various means. Mr. Waggoner was persistent in wanting an answer to why he was not provided the Power Point from Mr. Miller. A debate regarding the opposing arguments continued. During this time, Board Member Steven Whritenour asked Chairwoman Debbie Smith a question which Mr. Waggoner expressed his annoyance. Mr. Whritenour explained that he was asking what were State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth's thoughts with this matter. Mr. Waggoner continued to interject and was gaveled down again by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith directly asked Mr. Miller what was Attorney Hudspeth's response to him. Mr. Miller stated, "I am perfectly legal to have spent \$550.00 for the presentation because it is now property of the County; of the Supervisor of Assessments Office." Mr. Miller clarified that Mr. Waggoner's FOIA request was for a copy of the presentation not the Power Point, and that a copy of the presentation is available via video. At the conclusion of the lengthy discussion, Mr. Waggoner stated "Mr. Miller, you have gotten away with what I consider highway robbery of \$550.00 of people's money. We will leave it at that."

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that the FY 2025 Budget is still in the process of being completed. A Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting is to be conducted next week.

The FY 2022 Audit update included that information has been forwarded with the exception of one account to the Auditors for its completion. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that WIPFLI has all of the documents for the FY 2023 Audit.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel was present for the Committee's report.

Dr. Engel allowed Committee member Deborah Reed to continue with the information regarding the sidewalk on the North side of the Courthouse. There is a 55-foot area that is in need of an emergency repair. Four contractors were contacted for bids, and Shores Builders' proposal of \$8,200.00 was the lowest received. Mrs. Reed stated that during the last Full Board Meeting approval of receiving TIF monies (\$8,000.00) from the City of Salem occurred and will be used to pay for this project with an additional \$200.00 from the Building Fund. Deborah Reed made a Motion to approve the Shores Builders bid of \$8,200.00 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions; which Mrs. Reed responded. The ownership of the sidewalk remains undetermined, but with someone being injured in the area that needs repaired, the decision was made for the County to proceed with the project. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Advanced Correctional Healthcare Contract included in the Full Board Meeting's packet. Sheriff Cripps presented a description of the changes to the contract. The cost increase is due to the Sheriff's office

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currently required to have a RN (previously was a LPN) on staff and be available 5 days a week, which can reduce the trips to the hospital and/or emergency room. In addition, a doctor will be on call 24 hours a day per the contract. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that the current annual cost of \$187,709.00 will be increased to \$253,893.00. Board Member Christopher Krupp had a question regarding the coverage dates of this contract. Sheriff Cripps explained that it will be retroactive to February, 2024. Board Member Brock Waggoner inquired if RNs are currently working at the facility, and this was affirmed. Additionally, Board Member Tyson McHenry questioned if other agencies were available for this type of coverage. Board Member Bill Henson, who has experience with the topic, responded that other companies do exist, but this is the best match for Marion County. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Advance Correctional Healthcare, Inc. contract and was seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

Next, Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the 2025 Legal Holidays in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Marion County, Illinois which was tabled on October 8, 2024 and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if the Courthouse is going to be open on Friday, December 26, 2025. Marion County Circuit Clerk clarified that determination is in accordance to the Court's schedule and the final approval will come from the Chief Judges Office. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Committee Chairman Bill Henson conveyed that the proposed Animal Control Contract with the City of Centralia is under review by Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. He stated that he is not pleased with the proposal, but further negotiations may occur. A copy will be emailed to the Full Board members as soon as Marion County Board Secretary, Lori Linder receives it in her office.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that the project remains on-going.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley was absent; therefore, a report was not given.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that an agreement on the Illinois FOP Labor Counsel Contract for an additional 4 years had been made. He welcomed members of the department. Sheriff Kevin Cripps was allowed to address the Full Board regarding this matter. He provided information regarding the established pay raises. Mr. Smith commended the Sheriff's staff. Board Member Steven Whritenour affirmed the difficulty in finding people to work for the police departments. He continued to voice that the terms for the wages are compatible with other agencies in

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the area and are well deserved. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Illinois FOP Labor Counsel Contract and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner communicated his displeasure with only having a week to review the contract. He had previously asked for 2 weeks. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "So noted." Mr. Waggoner continued to interject. Board Member Adam Smith attempted to calm Mr. Waggoner without success. Mrs. Smith conveyed to Mr. Waggoner that he was "Out of Order" as he continuously interrupted. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

Broadband Chairman Deborah Reed stated that she attended a ZOOM Meeting and will give a report as soon as more information is available.

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 not any renewals of liquor license during the month.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2024. Additionally, he communicated that there remains a need for 2 new members.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting. He conveyed that the department is doing well.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that he attended a meeting last month. He continued by conveying that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Steven Whritenour and Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that they were unable to attend the last meeting; therefore, nothing new was reported.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued:

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that a meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2024.

BCMW

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

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

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:32 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 11-12-24



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



10/22/24

Full Board Meeting

** New Location - Courtroom 302 **

Guests

Bob Reed

Jim Pate

Bill Peterson

Vivian Reed

Tyson McElroy

Pam Hill

Paul Sullivan

Marye Kemp

Clare Howe

Jim

~~James~~

Sharon Nunakoe

Jay

Debbie Smith

Bill Smith

David Rossi

Wynne Smith

Jim

Sybil Parker

~~John~~

John Elling

John

Anthony

Cory Parker

Kurt

Tom D

Mark

Sharon Wagner

John

Gene White

MARK MILLER

Ross Smith

Paul Jones

Tom

John

Bruce

Cory

John

Marion County, IL Bank Accounts 10/26/ 2024

First Financial Bank

Collectors Account	\$ 1.93
County Clerk Document Storage	\$ 42,843.94
Payroll-Payables	\$ 267,143.95
General Fund	\$ 2,209,002.60
Township MFT	\$ 2,243,003.86
Health Department	\$ 1,109,291.95
Public Safety Tax	\$ 644,369.86
County Clerk Recording	\$ 8,999.49
Township Bridge	\$ 407,668.14
HRA-Consociate	\$ 532.95
Violent Victims Grant	\$ 23,502.59

Peoples State Bank

County Collector's Account	\$ 15,391,579.18
Joint Bridge Fund	\$ 1,170,339.96
County Motor Fuel Fund	\$ 1,168,021.59
County Highway Fund	\$ 730,174.21
Rapid Relief Grant	\$ 137,020.26
Court Document Storage Fees	\$ 116,131.42
Corners Fees	\$ 9,937.21
Potential Equity Tax Surplus Property	\$ 6,345.04

People National Bank

Chapter 13 Bankruptcy	\$ 5,089.31
Collectors Account	\$ 2.61
Autoagent Account	\$ 225,349.76
Energy Transfer Crude Oil	\$ 70,919.20
Treasurer Trust Fund	\$ 98,554.98
County Clerk Fund	\$ 31,276.92
Federal Aide Matching	\$ 2,221,344.65
Corner Death Certificate	\$ 6,065.30
Probation Fund	\$ 106,276.21
Probation Service	\$ 681,840.90
Courthouse/Public Service Bldg. Improv. Project	\$ 35,100.00
Automation Fund circuit Clerk	\$ 72,080.99
Drug Forfeiture / Opioid Fund	\$ 214,928.20
Collectors Automation Fund	\$ 4,790.62
Assessments GIS Account	\$ 178,391.69
Self-Funded health Ins. Acct.	\$ 158,259.03

Community Partners Saving Bank

Collectors Account	\$4.96
Mental Health Fund	\$ 164,404.85
Indemnity Fund	\$ 386,176.20
Debt Certificates (Boiler/AC Loan)	\$ 25,522.54
Probation Fund	\$150,027.44

Iuka State Bank

Collectors Account	\$ 3.08
Drug Court Fund	\$ 51,934.12
FTA Warrant Fee	\$ 35,821.75
Monthly Payment Program	\$ 3.20
Sex offender Registration Fund	\$ 13,716.20
Health Dept. Building Improvements	\$ 142,966.32

PMA- IPrime

Health Department Investment	\$ 78,407.10
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Charles Schwab (North Shore Private Asset Management)

- General County Funds \$ 247,207.08

The Illinois Funds

Marion County	\$ 1,060,822.59
Township Motor Fuel Tax	\$ 0.00
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 0.00

Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund

Contingency Fund	\$ 764,993.34
Capital Expenditures	\$ 239,814.63
Marion County Health Dept.	\$ 372,326.22
Court Document Storage Fund	\$ 255,003.06
Child Support Account	\$ 153,001.83
General County Funds	\$ 2,999,132.64
Public Safety Tax Fund	\$ 1,499,792.91
Assessment GIS Investments	\$ 222,087.49
County Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$ 3,549,331.01
Automation Fund Circuit Clerk	\$ 204,002.47
Collectors Automation Fund	\$ 128,428.28
Township Bridge Fund	\$ 695,468.78