

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 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 Claude Howell.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Luke Eastin, South Central Illinois Regional Planning & Development Commission (SCIRPD) Executive Director, introduced himself and addressed the Marion Board. He briefly explained that the City of Centralia is considering extending one of their TIF Districts in the downtown area. He continued by describing how Marion County as a taxing body may show support by a Resolution or a letter for this to be done. No action is needed at this time. Board Member Brock Waggoner requested more information regarding the TIF District. Mr. Eastin will forward this data to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary to pass on to the Board Members.

Next, Marion County resident Jeff Curry voiced his concerns with the culvert replacement on Malone Road. His residence is located South of that location, and he is uneasy with respect to the duration of the road closure and the detours this will cause. In addition, the utilization of his driveway being a turnaround area for the school bus picking up his son was an additional issue. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this will be checked into and/or may be addressed during the Road & Bridge portion of this meeting.

Continuing, Marion County resident Josh Dunahee expressed his apprehension of the County purchasing a generator and emergency backup system for the Marion County Courthouse. He conveyed that an additional concern was the FY 2025 Levy percentage.

Lastly, Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the request of \$10,000.00 from the Opioid Fund for the Marion County, Illinois Drug Court Support, NFP. He explained that the group has donated 2 houses to the Marion County Drug Court Program for its participants. One in Centralia and one in Salem which may be utilized for temporary housing for 6 individuals. The Program is currently reorganizing the group and returning items to a functioning level. The approximate amount of \$6,500.00 for the houses' insurance premiums is the primary concern at this time. As of November 7, 2024 the balance in the Opioid Fund account was \$195,000.00. These funds are from the settlement

Those Who Wish to Address the Board – Continued:

companies. Attorney Hudspeth conveyed that he had received 2 letters of support from the Drug Court Support Board. Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director continued with additional information with regards to the Marion County Drug Court Support Board Members. She introduced new Board Member Judy Clingan, who has 42 years in sobriety. Ms. Clingan has been very active in getting the program reestablished. Marion County Board Member Bill Henson concurred that these homes provide structure and aid in avoiding relapses with the participant’s previous ways of life. He stated that it will also help the County save monies by them not going back into the system and its costs. Mrs. Pride provided details of the rules and regulations of the participants that will reside in the homes. In addition, she relayed that Marion County has been recognized by the State and Federally for providing residency for its Drug Court Members. Attorney Hudspeth reiterated that these are not a long term houses. Board Member Brock Waggoner requested that the donation’s check be made out specifically to the insurance agency. Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to provide a \$10,000.00 donation to the Marion County, Illinois Drug Court Support, NFP from the Opioid Fund and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated October 22, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

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%	\$89,971.92	\$81,992.47
1%	\$41,387.58	\$37,947.17

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by introducing Todd Dobbs, Chaney & Karch Insurance Group Owner and Agent. This agency writes the health insurance for the County Employees and FOP. Matt Jones, Mutual Medical Insurance Agency Vice President was also in attendance. An additional copy of the Symetra Preliminary Reinsurance Renewal Alternatives for Marion County which was included in the Board Meeting’s Packet (see attachment) was distributed. Mr. Jones presented a description of the Symetra insurance plan regarding the options available for the County. Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions relating to the options and the demographics. Mr. Dobbs and Mr. Jones responded.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that the Finance & Insurance Committee had approved Option A to bring before the Full Board for their approval. This option has a 3% premium increase from last year. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve Symetra Option A for the Self-Funded Health Insurance for 2025 for Marion County and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$182,911.74 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$386,281.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$681,882.56 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated October 30, 2024 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$52,502.58. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-52 through 2024-87 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Next, Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (Dimond Brothers) Auto Insurance Policy for 2025 with a premium amount of \$367,329.00 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Bill Henson asked if the coverage was for all Marion County Vehicles which was confirmed. An updated list was included in the Full Board Members' Packet. Board Member Tyson McHenry questioned if the County could afford it. Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp verified that monies are available for payment of this premium. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing with New Business, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that the Finance & Insurance Committee Members had approved a 3.4% Tax Levy for FY 2025 to bring before the Full Board Members for their approval. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve a 3.4% Tax Levy for FY 2025 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Steven Whritenour questioned the amount that it would generate. Mr. Krupp responded that the approximate amount would be \$230,000.00. Next, Board Member Brock Waggoner requested when the Audits would be done. Mr. Krupp stated that a date is undetermined at this time. Board Member Tyson McHenry inquired the amount loss with the FY 2024 0% Levy and was informed that it was approximately \$230,000.00. Next, a discussion occurred with regards to the current Marion County General Fund balance. Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell and Mr. Krupp responded to questions that were asked by Board Members Tracy Murray, Steven Whritenour, and Brock Waggoner. In addition, Board Member Steven Bradley explained how the amount will fluctuate throughout the year. He continued to address why the Levy is being

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

approved prior to the approval of the FY 2025 Budget. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that unfortunately several of the County's expenses have increased for the year 2025. County & Community Chairman expressed that Animal Control expenses are anticipated to increase also. Mr. Waggoner continued to voice his apprehension. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that his concerns will be noted. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Krupp relayed that the goal is for the FY 2025 Budget to be finalized next week. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Tyson McHenry, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed. Mrs. Smith attempted to quiet the audience. One person was removed from the Meeting for disrespecting the Board.

The items under Old Business were discussed. First, Mr. Krupp stated that Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller's \$550.00 invoice and payment issues had been previously resolved. Next, he reiterated that he anticipates that the FY 2025 Budget will be finalized next week. Lastly, he relayed that WIPFLI has received all of the information for the completion of the FY 2022 Audit. The finalization date has not been given.

Prior to the Building & Historical Committee's report, Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that with the 36 Resolutions approved earlier in this meeting that a current total of 51 parcels have been sold with more to come. In regards to these sales, the County will receive \$106,808.13. Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker had stepped out of the room; therefore, Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps stated that with Mrs. Schicker's grant monies the technology in the Courtrooms have been brought up to date.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$65,658.46 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 1 nay. (Brock Waggoner stepped out of the room). Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel made a motion to approve the Building & Historical Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 16, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Dr. Engel allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to follow through with information regarding the updated Courtrooms' technology. He commended Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker for her involvement in receiving grant monies and achieving this project. In addition, he expressed that the Salem Tourism Board has donated Christmas Decorations for the Marion County Courthouse lawn. Salem Tourism Board Member Leon Chapman had previously addressed this topic with the Full Board with anticipation of accomplishing this plan. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that his understanding is that this project is not funded with Tax Payer's money, but from people staying in hotel rooms and attempting to draw them to the downtown businesses in Salem. The decorations will be put into place within the next couple of weeks.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Chairman Dr. Engel continued by sharing that Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has submitted a quote for carpet cleaning in the 3rd floor areas. The areas include the Courtrooms, Judge's Chambers, the Hallway, Court Security area, and the Jury Room. Creighton Engel made a Motion to approve the ChemDry estimate (\$2,923.25) for carpet cleaning on the third floor and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

The Courthouse Emergency Backup and Generator discussion has been tabled and will be discussed at the next Building & Historical Committee Meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$187,458.38 Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 62 inmates with 35 being Federal. He stated that the Federal inmate count is 10 more than necessary to maintain his Budget and anticipates a surplus at the end of the year for his Department. A new part time deputy has been hired, Giles Clowers. He will help in alleviating some overtime hours and brings the Department to full staff. An additional Deputy, Sam Appleton, will be graduating in December, 2024 from the Academy and is very eager to begin his work at the Marion County Sheriff's Office. In addition, Sheriff Cripps expressed his gratitude for the service of 4 Veterans who are employed at his Office; Chip Phillips, Bryan Carter, Sam Appleton, and Corey Cline.

Lastly, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her monthly report. She conveyed that the Agency recently worked at the Sandoval Homecoming, Halloween Patrol in Salem, and Patrol for the Halloween Festivities and Parade in Centralia. She had attended the Region 9 Meeting with her Director and relayed that changes in policies and deadlines will be coming. She will update the Board when more information is available. Since the Audits have been caught up to date within a certain period she has been removed from the State Stop Pay List and was able to record her 2023 and 2024 Quarterly reports. Additionally, the Agency assisted the Sheriff's Office with a couple of incidents. She was able to donate her remaining COVID supplies (150 cases) to the Hurricane victims in North Carolina after contacting her Regional Director. She shared a story of individuals from Marion County helping a family by providing a camper and supplies in that area also. Lastly, she questioned if any information was received regarding the previous issues with Ameresco and her heating unit. Dr. Engel stated that a call has been made, and he is waiting for a response from them. Her facility has no heat at this time.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$19,123.96 Bill Henson made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting. The topics of discussion were the Animal Control Agreement with the City of Centralia and the future plans with Animal Control. More information was shared during the Old Business portion of his report.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Next, Bill Henson made a Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 15, 2024 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that he picked up 3 dogs. His Microchip Scanner has been programed and is now available for use. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that she will have to contact Verizon regarding implementing a cell for his use.

Continuing, Committee and Board Member Brock Waggoner stated that changes may be made with the scheduling of the Marion County Board Meetings and suggested that the review and approval of the 2025 Notice be tabled. Steven Whritenour made a Motion to table the review and approval of the 2025 Notice of the Marion County Board Meetings until the Full Board Meeting scheduled December 10, 2024 and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Chairman Bill Henson continued with the discussion of the Committee Meeting conducted earlier in the evening. He conveyed that the Committee Members had opposed the monthly charge of \$6,200.00 and other limitations from the Animal Control Contract with City of Centralia. Committee Member Brock Waggoner elaborated that there are no guarantees with Marion County and the shelter taking in their animals. Mr. Ferguson stated that he will continue with the same procedure that he is doing when space is unavailable during the previous contract. He will attempt to locate the owner and/or find a foster home for these animals which may take a few days. Mr. Ferguson expressed his frustrations with the current issues and especially with the ones regarding the municipalities in the County. Other options are being considered.

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.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$212,734.87 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Bill Henson. 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). Mrs. Snow conveyed that Marion County has 5 construction jobs that they will be overseeing in the near future. She addressed the culvert replacement on Malone Road. She stated that it is a Foster Township project and that Marion County oversees it because the township does not have anyone qualified to do it. In addition, she presented the particulars regarding the project. After a question from Board Member David Iossi, she responded that a completion date in mid-December is anticipated for the Green Street project. Committee Chairman Adam Smith reported that a Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future for discussion of hiring a Marion County Highway Engineer. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley conveyed he has been presented complaints in regards to Omega Road near the Route 50 intersection and its

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

roughness. Mrs. Snow stated that the bumps on Omega Road are scheduled to be addressed. It will have to be contracted out due to Marion County Highway Department not having the equipment for this type of project, but it will be done as soon as the contractor is available. Board Members Bill Henson and Tyson McHenry had questions with respect to the repairs to Range Road, Odin, Illinois. Mrs. Snow responded that it has been started and that she will follow up on it. Lastly, Board Member Tracy Murray requested information concerning the land for the new Marion County Highway Department facility. Mrs. Snow stated that will be a project for the next hired County Engineer.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this Full Board Meeting. He conveyed that an updated policy and an invoice will be addressed at the next meeting and/or the first meeting in December, 2024.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report. A combined Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance & Insurance Committees Meeting will be scheduled for the following week to discuss the hiring of the Marion County Highway Engineer.

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.

COUNTYBOARD: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that a County Board Training Seminar is being offered by the United Counties Council of Illinois in Springfield, Illinois on Monday, November 18, 2024. Informational Packets are available at this meeting or in the Marion County Board Secretary's Office in Room 201 in the Courthouse.

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Full Board Meeting

Guests

B. Hensley
D. Reed

Tracy Reed
Dave Jossi

~~John~~
Sheri Baxter MCESDA

Debbie Smith
Bill Smith
Judith Neal Harkin

Maulie Snow

Tracy MURRAY

Charlie Houch
Matt Jones

Randy Kemper
Mona Dunahue

Don
Lynson Met
Valerie Hill

~~Steve Hill~~
Lisa Morris
Shawn Woodward

Jana Williams
Matt Snelis
Russ Kemp
Steve

Luke Eastin

SCIRPOC

Jeanne Dunahoe

Jeff Dunahoe

Thy Howell

SHERRY WASH

Don George

Tina Hines

Dale Brimberry

Terri Easley

Derek Sherman

City of Centralia

~~Bob~~

Karl Dunham

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Larry Spill

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SYMETRA PRELIMINARY REINSURANCE RENEWAL ALTERNATIVES MARION COUNTY

CARRIER		CURRENT	
POLICY YEAR		2024	
SPECIFIC DEDUCTIBLE		37.5K	
CONTRACT BASIS	#	PAID	
INDIVIDUAL ADVANTAGE DEDUCTIBLE			
Employee Rate	50	\$	279.65
Employee/Spouse Rate	3	\$	557.07
Employee/Child Rate	2	\$	493.05
Family Rate	0	\$	836.75
Composite Rate	55	\$	294.94
Estimated Annual Specific Premium		\$	199,678

SYMETRA - Option A	
2025	
37.5K	
PAID	
\$	288.05
\$	573.75
\$	507.85
\$	861.85
\$	303.80
\$	205,673

SYMETRA - Option B	
2025	
40K	
PAID	
\$	279.65
\$	557.07
\$	493.05
\$	836.75
\$	294.94
\$	199,678

AGGREGATE		CURRENT	
CONTRACT BASIS	#	12/12	
Single Rate	62	\$	492.00
Employee/Spouse Rate	3	\$	980.05
Employee/Child Rate	2	\$	867.40
Family Rate	0	\$	1,472.10
Composite Factor	67	\$	525.06
Monthly Attachment Point		\$	35,179
Estimated Annual Aggregate Premium		\$	12,060
Annual Attachment Point		\$	422,147
Expected Claims		\$	337,718

SYMETRA	
12/12	
\$	585.50
\$	1,166.25
\$	1,032.20
\$	1,751.80
	624.84
\$	41,864
\$	12,060
\$	502,370
\$	401,896

SYMETRA	
12/12	
\$	597.20
\$	1,189.60
\$	1,052.85
\$	1,786.85
	637.33
\$	42,701
\$	12,060
\$	512,411
\$	409,929

OTHER FIXED COSTS		CURRENT	
Annual Mutual Medical TPA Fee		\$	32,100
Annual PPO Fee		\$	5,280

MMP/HL 2024	
\$	32,100
\$	5,280

MMP/HL 2024	
\$	32,100
\$	5,280

Estimated Total Fixed Costs		\$	249,118
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\$	255,113
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\$	249,118
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Estimated Fixed Cost % Change
Estimated Fixed Cost \$ Change

2.35%
\$ 5,996

0.00%
\$ -

Maximum Liability		\$	671,265
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\$	757,483
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\$	761,529
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Plan Maximum Liability Change %
Plan Maximum Liability Change \$

11.38%
\$ 86,218

11.85%
\$ 90,283

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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 90% complete

Odin Road Bridge 95% complete

Construction has begun on the Range Road Bridge

Construction has begun on the Klien Road Bridge

Construction is scheduled to begin Nov. 25th on Malone Rd. Box Culvert