

# MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

## MINUTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

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

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi.

### THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Prior to the Guests addressing the Board, County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour reiterated the regulations of the procedure of this portion of the Agenda.

Guest Bob Wright requested that the previous Board and Committee Meeting Minutes be accessible to the Public prior to the next Meeting.

Guest Josh Dunahee commended the Full Board Members for their service.

Robert Townsend, a representative from Alberici Contractors, Inc., presented a summary of their new Solar project in Marion County. He introduced additional gentlemen who are involved with the project. He emphasized the benefits of this project for the County. Next, he provided a description of the location, which is between Mills Cart Road and Boone Street on the West side of Salem. He welcomed everyone to visit the sight and to ask any questions. He responded to inquiries from the Board Members. Additionally, Board Chairman Steven Whritenour had questions and concerns regarding the tax rates for Solar versus Farmland. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments provided clarity. He reiterated that this project is an exceptional opportunity for Marion County.

Next, Finance Committee Chairman and Board member Christopher Krupp introduced Mr. Bob Shehorn the President of the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) for Marion County. A brief description of the Veteran's Organization was provided to the new Board Members. Mr. Shehorn shared that an office area for Marion County has been located in the Marion County Health Department in Centralia. He requested a Resolution/Ordinance from Marion County for their recognition, and secondly approve a Tax Levy of 0.028% for this service. Mr. Shehorn would like to see this program to be fully operational by 2026. Mr. Krupp will follow through with this program and anticipates having more information by the next Full Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated November 26, 2024 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour finalized the establishment of the new Committees and their Members. With respect to the Road & Bridge Committee, Adam Smith will be taking Sharon Woodward’s roll with the Committee, and he and Tim McCance will act as Co-Chairmen. Mr. Whritenour requested that each Committee Chairman/woman select a date, beginning in January, to conduct their Meetings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month and preferably on a Monday or Tuesday. The Full Board Meeting will be scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month; starting with January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

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%	\$81,951.15	\$80,744.93
1%	\$37,393.50	\$44,461.55

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox conveyed that an email was received from Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Administrator regarding the appointment of Dr. Michael Douglas for the Marion County Board of Health, and replacing Dr. Creighton Engel whose term expired on 11/30/24. Sharon Woodward made a motion to appoint Dr. Michael Douglas to the Marion County Health Board and was seconded by Jack Riley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

APPROVAL OF BILLS

General: \$118,774.41 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$168,981.26 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Judicial: \$1,110,257.80 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Adam Smith questioned if this was a 3 pay month. After a

### Finance Committee – Continued:

brief discussion it was determined to be a 3 pay month. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). 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 \$28,842.38. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-88 through 2024-114 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Next, Christopher Krupp asked Board Member Debbie Smith to give a concise description of SCIRP&DC and the Request for 2025 Per-Capita (\$5,554.60). Following the request, Mrs. Smith provided information. Christopher Krupp made a Motion to approve the SCIRP&DC Request for 2025 Per-Capita (\$5,554.60) and was seconded by Debbie Smith. A short discussion regarding utilizing their services occurred. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 3 nays (Brock Waggoner, Tyson McHenry, and Cody Rose). Motion passed.

Continuing with Old Business, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that he received an email late this afternoon from Josh Faivre, CPA and WIPFLI Senior Manager, Audit regarding the FY 2022 Audit. Its competition is anticipated to be in January, 2025. Many concerns were raised from multiple Board Members and were discussed. Board Chairman Steven Whritenour proposed hiring a Forensic Auditor for all of Marion County's finances. A thorough discussion transpired. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to Place the Consideration of Seeking Services and Hiring a Forensic Auditor for Marion County on the Full Board Meeting Agenda December 23, 2024 and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to the Voice Vote, Debbie Smith reiterated the previous difficulties of hiring an Auditor for the County due to it having Fund Accounts. After being asked for his thoughts with this matter, Marion County Clerk Steve Fox stated that his suggestion is to speak with a consultant to better understand County Government Finances. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner announced that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board meeting this evening. He stated that a Motion was made "to take a 10% cut across the board" to the Budget provided in tonight's Full Board Meeting Packet. Mr. Waggoner explained that the issues with the Audits being a factor for such a drastic cut. He discussed the intentions for utilizing the Committees to work with the finances for Marion County, and he described how the Budget could be reopened and adjusted after this is done. Questions and comments from other Board Members were addressed. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to cut 10% with the Intention of Reopening the Budget to make Corrections as Assigned. Prior to a second, Board Member Debbie Smith made a Motion to Amend Mr. Waggoner's Motion to 5%. Board Member Cody Rose made a Motion for a 9.5% cut without a second. An extensive debate with respect to the Amendments occurred. Clarification was made by Christopher Krupp that the 10% cut would be from the General Fund. Mrs. Smith's Motion was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Next, Chairman Steven Whritenour read the protocol for proceeding with an amendment to an original motion. A brief illustration of Mrs. Smith's reasons for her Amendment was provided. Following, Mr. Waggoner shared more details for his decision of 10%. The vote on Mrs. Smith's Amended Motion was then taken. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes – 10 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Dr. Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Timothy McCance, Tyson

McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Adam Smith, and David Iossi). Motion Failed on the Amended Motion of 5%.

Subsequently, Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner amended his original motion to include that the 10% cut would be from the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – 3 nays (Sharon Woodward, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

Mr. Waggoner will be contacting Bellwether and a Special Full Board Meeting will be scheduled soon after receiving the revised FY 2025 Budget.

#### INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Chairman David Iossi announced that the Committee had not met; therefore, no new information was reported.

#### BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED:

Approval of Bills: \$20,655.09 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay. (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Building & Historical Committee Chairman Deborah Reed suggested that the TOP Electric & Lighting Bid (\$326,500.00) for the Emergency Backup Generator and UPS Electrical Project be brought back to the Committee. She explained that the new Building & Historical Committee Members need to be provided more information regarding this project. Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has a grant request submitted to cover the costs and is anticipating the results. Deborah Reed made a motion to bring back the TOP Electric & Lighting Bid back to the Committee and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TYSON MCHENRY:

Approval of Bills: \$93,107.46 Tyson McHenry made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. The Jail is currently housing 73 inmates with 43 being Federal. He stated that Santa Claus and the Grinch will be at the Courthouse in the near future. He will be meeting with Committee Chairman Tyson McHenry to discuss his Department's Budget and welcomed any Board members also.

Board Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Marion County Coroner Claude Howell to address the Board. Mr. Howell announced that his "team" is coming together nicely. He has eliminated 2 Deputy positions. He reported 28 deaths in November and 14 to date in December. He also has a meeting scheduled with Law Enforcement Chairman Tyson McHenry.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator commended her "team" for all of their hard work. She presented appreciation and gratitude plaques to her long term members, Greg Masters 47 years, Denny Wilkins 48 years, and Edie Wilkins 21 years. Mrs. Barter acknowledged an additional 3 members that were present.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Mr. McHenry allowed Board Chairman Steven Whritenour to address the Marion County ESDA Letter and Kinmundy Braniff Invoice and payment. A brief explanation regarding his discussion with Angie Diss, Mayor of Kinmundy transpired. Steven Whritenour made a Motion to pay ½ of the invoice amount was made and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to Roll Call Vote, the procedures with respect to the municipalities' services and invoices in the future were debated. Further discussion regarding the Kinmundy Braniff invoice occurred. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes – 11 nays (Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Michael Douglas, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Timothy McCance, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, and Debbie Smith).

Lastly, an Emergency Siren Maintenance and Repair Policy will be drawn up.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN Tracy Murray:

Prior to making the Motion to approve the County & Community bills, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray had a question for Marion County Clerk Steve Fox regarding the City of Centralia payment for Animal Control. Mr. Fox and Board Member Debbie Smith directed Mr. Murray to research his packet of the bills that was given to him prior to the Meeting. After reviewing the payment, it was determined that it covered the November 2024 invoice.

Approval of Bills: \$24,761.26 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted Monday, December 9, 2024. The primary topic of discussion was the immediate resolution to housing animals from Marion County. In addition, more permanent solutions were examined. Additional meetings with the City of Centralia and the City of Salem will be taking place in the near future.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator was absent; therefore, no report was given.

Mr. Murray relayed that one dog is still being housed in Iuka at Paws Here Veterinary Services. Board Member Deborah Reed verified that Animal Control is attempting to locate the dog's owner.

Continuing with Old Business, Committee Chairman Tracy Murray communicated that there have been changes to the Full Board and Committee Meeting Schedules for 2025. The Full Board Meetings will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month beginning at 6:30 P.M. with the scheduling the Committee Meetings on Monday or Tuesday during the second week of the month.

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.

Sub-Committee Broadband: Chairwoman Deborah Reed

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray stated that there was nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Approval of Bills: \$465,722.28 Adam Smith made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Timothy McCance. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays (Christopher Krupp left the meeting early). Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith allowed Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow to explain Resolution 2024-51 that was brought before the Board for approval. All questions were answered.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-51: MFT Maintenance FY 25 and was seconded by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith thoroughly described the contents of Resolution 2024-115, and answered all questions.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-115: Road Use Agreement Hoots Chapel, Alberici Contractors, Inc. and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Marilea Snow presented an updated report regarding Green Street Road and Odin Road projects. A couple of the guardrails on Green Street Road have been damaged and are to be repaired in the near future. The Range Road and Kline Road projects are 85% completed. She also stated that the Malone Road operation has not been started.

Co-Chairman Mr. Smith commended Mrs. Snow for her services and the Highway Department's Financial Report.

Guest Robert Wright expressed his gratitude to Road & Bridge.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report. A Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled in January to discuss the hiring of the Marion County Highway Engineer. Mr. Smith stated that a possible new requirement for this position is that the person must be a Marion County resident. It will be further discussed.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR:

Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that there were no renewed their liquor license.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Brock Waggoner. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

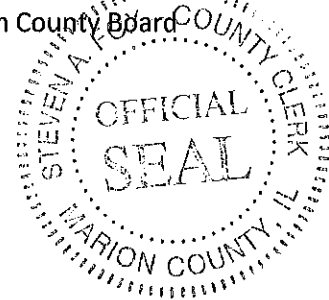
Time: 8:43 P.M.

Approved:       ✓      

Date:       1/28/25      


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



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# Full Board Meeting

## Guests

Shawn Woodward

Gene Stude

John Blum

Sherry Walsh

Myra

MARK MILLER

Don

TRAY MURPHY

Michelle

Kris

Jim Pelt

Jeff Nunapee

Shawn Nunapee

Maureen Snow

Bruce

Deb

Debbie

Wayne

Ashlee Adams

Bel

Tony

Jeff

Indira Meeks-Hatim