

## MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Claude Howell.

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

### RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, Dennis Rosenberger, Claude Howell, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, Hendrick Morton, and Matt Hall.

### THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Officer, requested to comment to the media. Chairwoman Debbie Smith allowed him. He conveyed to them that he picked up 2 pigs today, and inquired if they could help in locating their owner. Any information can be directed to the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, announced that the Marion County Probation Department received a \$427,850.00 grant for the Drug Court Program. The funds were from the Bureau of Justice Assistance program, and only awarded to five counties in Illinois. The four-year grant will begin in January, 2024 and help provide services for Drug Court participants. She stated that this is the largest grant that the department has received.

Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, conveyed that she has observed how the Marion County Drug Court Program has been monitored by the Federal and State Agencies. In her opinion, "they have always gotten extremely high remarks."

Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, stated that he was very supportive when Renee Pride spoke with regards to applying for this grant. He relayed that this will help the program to continue with the drug court housing in Marion County. He commended Ms. Pride.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting dated November 14, 2023 made by David Iossi with second by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes – Continued:

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Special Meeting dated November 20, 2023 made by Bill Henson with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting dated November 28, 2023 made by Jack Riley with second by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented his report.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¾%	\$80,744.93	\$97,562.08
1%	\$44,461.55	\$59,374.87

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting dated November 20, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes from the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting dated November 28, 2023 was made by Christopher Krupp with second by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills

General: \$831,271.08 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$519,238.71 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$630,728.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda.

Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth presented an explanation of Resolution 2023-55: State’s Attorney Appellant Prosecutor Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-55 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Financial & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox presented an explanation of Resolution 2023-60: Election Judge Compensation. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-60 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Mr. Krupp conveyed an update on the Audit. He stated that the process of the Audit has started. He will continue to update the Board with any new information.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Approval of Bills: \$281,203.49 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Creighton Engel proceeded with his presentation. He stated that the painting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Courthouse will begin after the Holidays. The County is seeking bids for additional painting of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors, the North Stairwell, Office Area, and Double Black Doors of the Courthouse. Two companies were contacted, but failed to follow through with their bids. There is a possibility that the painting in these areas has not been done since the 1970's.

Lastly, Dr. Engel conveyed that the odor in the Public Service Building has returned. The next step for Tate Plumbing is to tear into the wall between the restrooms and replace the sewer lines. Scheduling this project and coordinating with the Marion County Probation Office will be done in the near future. Discussion of the County Resolutions with regards to the threshold amount for construction projects occurred. Mr. Fox went to the Courthouse and retrieved the Resolutions. During this time, Chairwoman Debbie Smith continued with the Full Board Meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore Law Enforcement Committee Member Tracy Murray presented the report.

Approval of Bills: \$163,292.68 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Tyson McHenry. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Bill Henson brought the attention to the purchase of a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no reports from Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps and Marion County ESDA Director due to their absence.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$24,769.59 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 5 dogs were picked up during the month of November. This is a considerable drop in numbers from the past months. Mr. Ferguson and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth held a discussion with regards to the Village Ordinance Violations and that he is a Marion County Employee. Mr. Ferguson requested guidance for the proper procedure of him issuing

County & Community Committee – Continued:

citations. In addition, Committee Chairman, Bill Henson and Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that they will continue to follow up with the City of Centralia contract.

Mr. Henson commended Michael McCormick for loaning Mr. Ferguson a truck while the Animal Control vehicle is being repaired after hitting a deer.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent. Committee Chairman Bill Henson made a motion to table the Codification Proposal – Contract from American Legal Publishing and seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – Continued:

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and Clerk of the Marion County Board returned to the meeting with the Resolutions regarding bidding for construction projects. He stated that the maximum amount is \$5,000.00. Questions and concerns with resolving the current odor issues in the Public Service Building were discussed. Committee Chairman Creighton Engel questioned State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth if this was an emergency situation or a construction matter. State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth relayed that if the Board justifies that this is an emergency that \$10,000.00 can be approved. Motion to approve \$10,000.00 for an emergency solution was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Dr. Engel will be reaching out to Tate's Plumbing in the morning to have them start the project. Amendment to the Resolution with respect to the construction amount will be made and presented to the Full Board at the meeting scheduled Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$173,028.83 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, requested approval of four Resolutions. An explanation of each was given.

Resolution 2023-56: MFT Maintenance FY 24. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-56 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-57: Reappointment of County Engineer (6-year term). Motion to approve Resolution 2023-57 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-58: IDOC/County Salary Program Joint Agreement. Motion to approve Resolution 2023-58 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2023-59: Salary Fund Appropriation (\$123,800.00). Motion to approve Resolution 2023-59 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Next, Mr. McCormick conveyed information with regards to the Route 161 Skillet Fork Bridge issues. The funding phase for this project will begin in October, 2024. State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth relayed that Sheriff Kevin Cripps contacted his office last Friday, and at least five trucks were issued citations for being overweight while crossing this bridge. This is an emergency situation to obey the weight restrictions of this bridge.

In addition, Mr. McCormick distributed and discussed the 5-year Project Plan FY24 – FY28 handout (see attachment).

In conclusion, he shared information since being hired as Marion County Highway Department Engineer in 2011.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that there were no updates to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that this evening’s 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was canceled. The next Committee Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Resolution 2023-45: Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Marion County and Municipalities Therein to Work Together for the Provision of Nixle Services to the Residents of Marion County. Previously approved, but now put into Resolution form will be addressed at the Full Board Meeting, December 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith stated that there were no updates to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

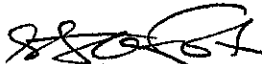
Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that there were no updates. He informed the Committee Members that since the Budget FY2024 is completed, he will be sending out more information in the near future.

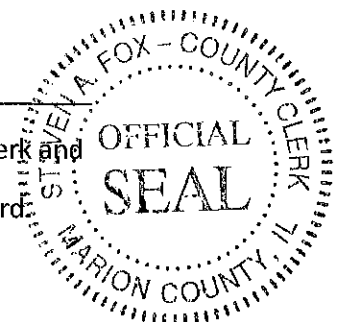
Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Bradley made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 8:14 P.M.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Date: 12-26-23

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



Marion County Board  
 5-Year Project Plan FY24-FY28

The following is the 5-Year project schedule and funding for the Marion County as of December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023

Project Year	Project Name/Location	Funding Source	Estimated Cost (2023)
FY2024	Green St/Odin Road Safety Project	Federal HSIP Fund.	\$2,500,000
	Kline Road Bridge	Federal BRP Fund	\$700,000
	Range Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$600,000
	Basom/Curry Road RR Crossings	GCPF ICC/State	\$200,000
	Maintenance Facility Site Prep	County Highway	\$70,000
FY2025	Race Track Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$600,000
	Maintenance Facility Site Construction	County Highway	\$150,000
FY2026	Shanghi Road Bridge	Federal BRP Fund	\$700,000
	Meridian Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$800,000
	Maintenance Building Construction	County Highway	\$2,000,000
FY2027	161 Ext over Poplar Creek	Federal Illinois SBP	\$2,000,000
	Quail Run Road Bridge	State TBP Fund	\$700,000
FY2028	161 Ext over Skillet Fork	Federal BRP/STR	\$7,000,000

Respectfully submitted to the Marion County Board on 12/12/2023

Michael McCormick, P.E.  
 Marion County Engineer

See other side for proposed projects

Project Name/Location	Funding Source	Estimated Cost
Edgewood Road –	Federal funding removed due to highway classification complications Funding was transferred to the Kinoka Road East Project	\$500,000
Kinoka Road East-	Federal funding was removed and placed into the Green Street/Odin Road Safety Project.	\$1,000,000
Tank Farm Loop-	No Funding in Place	\$1,000,000
Hoots Chappel/Tonti Rd Truck Route	No Funding in Place	\$2,500,000
Brubaker Rd Truck Route	No Funding in Place	\$12,000,000
Brubaker/Kimmundy Rd Truck Route	No Funding in Place	\$10,000,000
Williams Road RR Xing	Funding requested from GCPF	\$300,000
Norton Road RR Xing	Funding requested from GCPF	\$200,000
Lois Lane RR Xing	Funding requested from GCPF	\$200,000