

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

December 26, 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 Wayne Walker.

Roll call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, 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 Tracy Murray, Bill Henson, and Steven Whritenour.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Dennis Rosenberger, Claude Howell, Wayne Walker, Matt Billingsley, Megan Billingsley, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tim Hudspeth, Marion County State's Attorney, and Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Megan Billingsley addressed the Full Board Members with regards to concerns her family is having with the Marion County Animal Control Officer, Ken Ferguson. She stated that she has been in contact with the Marion County Sheriff's Department and the media. Marion County Board Chairwoman advised her and her husband, Matthew, that she and County & Community Chairman, Bill Henson will be in contact with Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth. In conclusion, Ms. Billingsley conveyed that she has filed a police report with the Marion County Sheriff's Department and has a list of all contacts in which she has spoken with respect to this issue.

Chairwoman, Mrs. Smith relayed that Tom Cagle, Central City Board Trustee, was not available this evening to address his concerns with the Central City's animal control issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Special Meeting Minutes dated December 6, 2023 was made by Adam Smith and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2023 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

County Clerk Steve Fox relayed that there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with a discussion in regards to the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage. Questions and concerns were expressed by many Board Members. Chairwoman Debbie Smith provided a small summary of the subject. Committee Member Creighton Engel suggested obtaining additional information and presenting it at the Full Board Meeting on January 12, 2024. Motion to table the topic of Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Creighton Engel. 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 \$34,347.53. Motion to approve Resolutions 2023-61 through 2023-103 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Lastly, Mr. Krupp conveyed that due to illness and a marriage the FY2021 and FY 2022 Audits were delayed. The completion of the FY2021 Audit is estimated to be in early January, 2024. After that finalization, the FY2022 Audit should be settled shortly thereafter.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began with a discussion with regards to the bids for the painting of the 1st and 2nd Floors, North Stairwell, Office Area, and Double Black Doors at the Marion County Courthouse. He conveyed that only one bid has been obtained. Two other companies were contacted, but neglected to provide their proposals after given additional time to return them. Jerald Henson Painting Contractors, LLC's, who was previously approved for the 3rd floor and stairwell painting, provided the additional estimated costs. Motion to approve the bid of \$26,900.95 from Jerald Henson Painting Contractors, LLC was made by Creighton Engel and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to how the bids were obtained. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, an update on rectifying the odor in the Marion County Public Service Building was relayed. Tate's Plumbing is continuing to examine the issue and a further report will be conveyed when available.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent. Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, relayed that there are 56 total inmates, which 22 are Federal, being housed at the County Jail.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Chairman Bill Henson was absent; therefore, Committee Member Tyson McHenry began with a discussion with regards to Marion County's letter of support for the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) – City of Salem. Motion for the letter of support was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to the Voice Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner raised questions with the TIF district. Chairwoman Debbie Smith suggested having Leah Dillicarpini, Director of Economic Development – City of Salem, attend a meeting in January, 2024 to respond to questions and concerns. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Arrangements will be made by Lori Linder, Marion County

County & Community Committee - Continued

Board Secretary, to have Ms. Dillicarpini attend a Full Board Meeting in January, 2024.

Next, the Bureau Certification Letter – Discover Downstate Illinois was addressed. Motion to approve the letter of support for Discover Downstate Illinois was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, the Marion County Board Meeting 2024 Notice and the start time of the meetings were discussed. Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that she had received a proposal from State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth on behalf of himself and the Marion County Elected Officials with regards to an earlier start time of the monthly meetings due to the length of the past meetings. After consideration among Board Members, a decision to begin the meetings at 6:30 P.M. was made. In addition, an adjustment to the date of the second meeting in December 2024 was determined. Motion to approve the Marion County Board Meeting Notice 2024, adapt the start time to 6:30 P.M., and adjust the second meeting date in December 2024 to Monday, December 23 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth commended the Board Members for their approval of the earlier start time of the meetings.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Chairman Brock Waggoner relayed that he had met with State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth to discuss the codification proposal contract from American Legal Publishing. Clarification with a few matters needs to be addressed and then a Committee Meeting will be scheduled for approval of any changes since the original acceptance of the contract. Motion to table the Codification Proposal – Contract – American Legal Publishing was made by Brock Waggoner and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: STEVEN BRADLEY

Chairman Steven Bradley relayed that there was nothing new to report.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith relayed that there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent. County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that the next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. instead of 6:00 P.M. due to the time change for the Full Board Meetings.

Prior to moving to the next Committee’s report, Sharon Woodward shared information that she had been contacted by the Mayor of Kinmundy with regards to an invoice that she had received from Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Director. Discussion and clarification will be conducted in the near future.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith relayed that after the first of the year Marion County Sheriff will place an advertisement for a Part-time Janitor that was previously approved in his Budget.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that there was nothing new to report. A Committee Meeting will be scheduled

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson was absent, therefore nothing new to report.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that a meeting was conducted. He conveyed that their Revenue is approximately \$1.4 million. They are also advertising to fill a full-time nursing position.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that she was not able to attend their monthly meeting.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim relayed that a meeting was conducted on December 19, 2023. She conveyed that she received an award and will be attending the National Conference for the Housing Authorities in San Diego in January, 2024.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed relayed that a meeting was conducted on December 11, 2023. She conveyed that the topic of the discussion was their annual report of their accomplishments throughout the year of 2023. The next meeting is scheduled in March 2024.

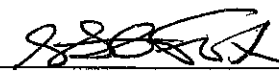
In conclusion, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, communicated that she and Board Member David Iossi have been in contact with respect to the grants for the signage of the Public Service Building and the Marion County Sheriff's Department. The applications will be submitted within the next couple of weeks. She will convey any information that she receives to the Board at future meetings.

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

Time: 7:38 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: 1/23/24



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

