

MARION COUNTY SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COURTROOM 302

Meeting convened at 6:00 P.M. with Steven Whritenour, County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

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, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

Marion County Board Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed County & Community Committee Chairman Tracy Murray to begin the Meeting with an explanation of the Marion County Animal Control Account Increase. Mr. Murray began by stating that various options remain in discussion for resolving the Animal Control matters. The additional monies (\$60,000.00) will currently be utilized for temporary housing of animals, but will also help fund a permanent resolution for the year 2025. Board Member Deborah Reed questioned if any remaining monies would carry over to the next year for building a new facility. A brief discussion transpired.

Next, Mr. Whritenour announced that a Marion County Budget Committee Meeting was conducted on Monday, December 23, 2024 with all of the Office Holders. He commended the Office Holders for working with the Committee to help resolve the FY 2025 Budget deficit. Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner then described the future intentions of this Committee and how they plan to prevent any issues like the ones that occurred with this year's Budget.

Mr. Whritenour communicated the additional changes to the FY 2025 Budget Line Items and are listed below.

Animal Control - pg. 49 Animal Control Salary \$30,000.00

Jail - pg. 14 Overtime Communications \$20,000.00

pg.38 AXON \$100,000.00

Probation - pg.11 Equipment Circuit Court \$6,000.00

State's Attorney - pg. 10 Legal Secretary - State's Attorney \$160,221.00

After questioning from Marion County Coroner Claude Howell and a few Board Members with respect to the Budget, responses were made and brief discussions occurred. Board Member Tim McCance also

had questions for Finance Chairman Christopher Krupp regarding Bellwether’s services. Mr. Krupp presented positive responses. He voiced his concerns for the County using the CURES Fund this year and his desire for the County to obtain more Revenue in the future.

Tracy Murray made a Motion to approve the FY 2025 Budget that was presented in the Meeting and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Secretary questioned if the Motion needed to contain the language of Ordinance 2024-07. Board Member Debbie Smith announced that a correction needs to be made on page 1 under the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. Dates need to be amended to “December 1, 2024 and ending November 30, 2025.” Tracy Murray reworded the Motion to include Ordinance 2024-07 and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 2 nays (Adam Smith and Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

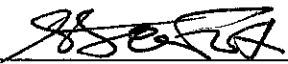
In conclusion, the topic of the Veteran’s Assistance Commission Resolution/Ordinance was discussed. Christopher Krupp and Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth were in agreement that this matter will be further addressed at the Full Board Meeting scheduled for January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

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

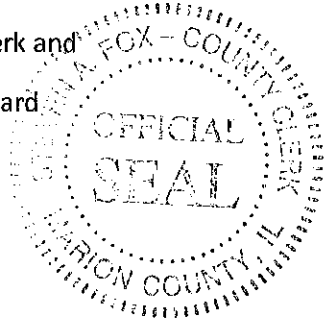
Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 6:40 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓
Date: 1/20/25



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



12-30-24

Special Full Board Meeting

Guests

Gene Priddy - Probation.

Bob Reed

Lyson Meyer

David Edsall

Shawn Woodward

Debbie Smith

TRACY MURRAY

MARK MILLER

John Jones