

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, began with a discussion with regards to Illinois House Bill 4512 coming before the Legislature this spring. Information was previously provided to each Full Board Member in the Full Board Meeting Packet. (see attachments) Mr. Miller requested that the Board consider approving a Resolution supporting the Website posting of property assessments and eliminating the newspaper publications. This option will save approximately \$28,000.00. Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions with reference to the public access to the listings on a website vs. publishing in the newspaper. County Board Member Judith Meeks-Hakim inquired if a hard copy would still be available. Mr. Miller stated that it would be obtainable in his office at the Marion County Courthouse. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith advocated to follow through with the Resolution process.

Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, continued with the presentation of the Marion County Court Services Department 2023 Annual Report. This was also included in the Full Board Meeting Packet. She called attention to the Department's 1,089 caseloads this past year, which is down 35 from the previous year. Other statistics within the Department were discussed. She relayed that a correction of the number of Fentanyl juvenile cases be reduced to zero. She concluded by stating that the Marion County Drug Court was recertified on September 25, 2023 by the Special Supreme Court Advisory Committee for Justice and Mental Health Planning, along with the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on January 23, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes -- No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¼%	\$84,048.14	\$81,710.71
1%	\$42,985.19	\$38,003.07

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$139,676.36 A discussion regarding a certain bill took place. Further information is needed prior to paying this. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills with the exclusion of the \$1,500.00 bill from Big R and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$85,857.55 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: \$689,910.30 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the IMRF portion of the bills. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Financial & Insurance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2024. A quorum was not met.

Regarding the Old Business on the Agenda, Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Projects Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was tabled. Additionally, the topic of the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage will be discussed in the near future.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore Law Enforcement Committee Member Tyson McHenry presented the report.

Approval of Bills: \$103,410.90 Tyson McHenry made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

No additional matters were discussed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$63,287.15 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer, reported that 20 dogs were picked up during the month of January. Committee Chairman Bill Henson and Mr. Ferguson discussed concerns with regards to the

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Municipalities and not being able to pick up the animals in their areas. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that a few Municipalities will soon be meeting to address the issues and then convene with the City of Centralia. Mr. Henson reiterated that the Marion County contract with the City of Centralia relates to animals in the county not in the municipalities. The Incorporated areas are responsible for their own animal matters with respect to this difficult situation.

Committee Chairman Bill Henson continued by conveying that the Marion County Regional Office of Education #13 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report was provided in the Full Board Meeting Packet. He encouraged everyone to review this information.

Next, Resolution 2024-06: Marion County Declaring Financial Non-Support for Immigration Crisis was discussed. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that Board Member Jack Riley indicated that a correction needed to be made to the word “Count” to “County” in the last paragraph. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 with the revision was made by Bill Henson and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner addressed the Codification Proposal – Contract from American Legal Publishing. He conveyed that a Sub-Committee meeting was recently conducted, and the decision to have quarterly Web updates and the duel format was made. Furthermore, Mr. Waggoner expressed that additional training is offered. Motion to approve the American Legal Publishing Codification Contract with the quarterly Web updates and the duel format was made by Bill Henson and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 29, 2024 was made by Bill Henson and seconded Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$85,254.57 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes – No nays. (Christopher Krupp stepped out of the room prior to Roll Call Vote) Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board with his report.

Sheriff Cripps expressed gratitude to everyone for their condolences with regards to the passing of the Sheriff Department’s co-worker. He continued with the topic of the Courthouse Lawn Maintenance, and suggested that this matter be addressed at a later date. Next, he relayed that the painting at the Courthouse has been completed and encouraged everyone to go and take a look at it. Lastly, he stated that he received two bids for the Security Systems for the Courthouse and the Public Service Building. These will be presented and further discussed at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel recognized Brent Taylor, Design Engineer from Gonzalez Companies, LLC. Mr. Taylor stated that his company does a lot of work with the Marion County Highway Department, and has done other work in the Salem area. He emphasized that his company is not

associated with Ameresco. He offered Gonzalez Company services to Marion County for the parking lot design and construction inspections. He distributed two proposed drawings to the Full Board Members. The estimated cost of the project is currently \$700,000.00. Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the purpose of Mr. Taylor's appearance. It was reiterated that Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer made the arrangements and for the Board to consider utilizing his services. Further conversation with regards to the design of the parking lot occurred. Additionally, discussion of EPA involvement took place. Mr. Engel suggested conducting a Committee Meeting prior to making any decisions or commitments.

In conclusion, Chairman Creighton Engel disclosed that verification of the Illinois State Fire Marshall Document re: Reimbursement for costs associated with property environmental spill clean-up in reference to the parking lot was received.

Marion County Board Chairman Debbie Smith indicated that the Sheriff and ESDA Coordinator's reports were omitted from the Agenda. She then allowed Law Enforcement Committee Member Tyson McHenry to address the matters. Mr. McHenry gave the floor to Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator, and he relayed that there are 48 inmates which 27 are Federal inmates and 1 Juvenile being housed in Madison County. He conveyed that a large amount of ID Network training is taking place in the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented her report. She stated that last year that ESDA worked 74 events and had a total of 2,201 hours of service. Twenty-one calls were assisting the Marion County's Sheriff's Department. She mentioned the Braniff Communication, Inc. invoice, which Chairwoman Debbie Smith will review. Sheri Barter distributed binders to the Full Board Members that included information regarding the Emergency Sirens in Marion County. 911/ESDA Committee Member Brock Waggoner continued with an explanation of this data.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$373,956.05 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman conveyed that Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer's reported that tree trimming on Green Street Road will be conducted this week. The media will relay this information to the public.

Committee Member, Bill Henson requested a list of Marion County Road Commissioners.

MARION COUNTY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that this Committee will be addressed in the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 26, 2024.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that items with regards to this Committee will be addressed at the next Full Board Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 26, 2024.

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.


Marion County Board Member Adam Smith conveyed that the Bailiffs have not received their raises that were previously approved by the Board. This matter will be attended to.

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

Time: 7:47 P.M.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Date: 2-27-24

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



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Guest:

Sherry Baxter Marion Co. CJA Coord.  
Renee Pude Marion Co. Probation

MARK MILLER SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Wayne S. Walker

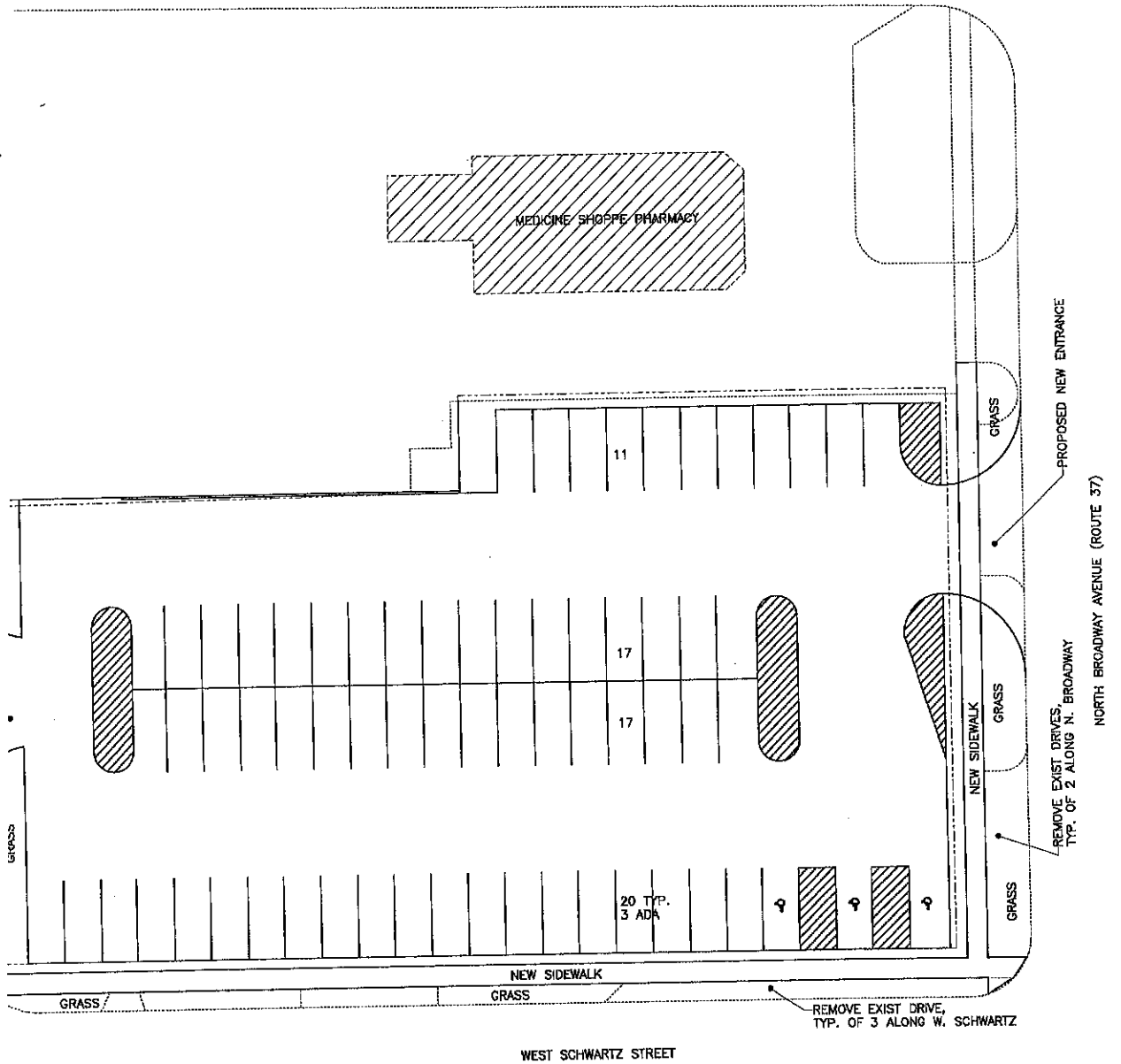
Claude Howell Rep. Cand. McCowan

Bill Smith

Art H. Paul

~~Dennis Rosenberger~~

ALLEY STREET



PROPOSED NEW ENTRANCE

NORTH BROADWAY AVENUE (ROUTE 37)

REMOVE EXIST DRIVES, TYP. OF 2 ALONG N. BROADWAY

REMOVE EXIST DRIVE, TYP. OF 3 ALONG W. SCHWARTZ

WEST SCHWARTZ STREET

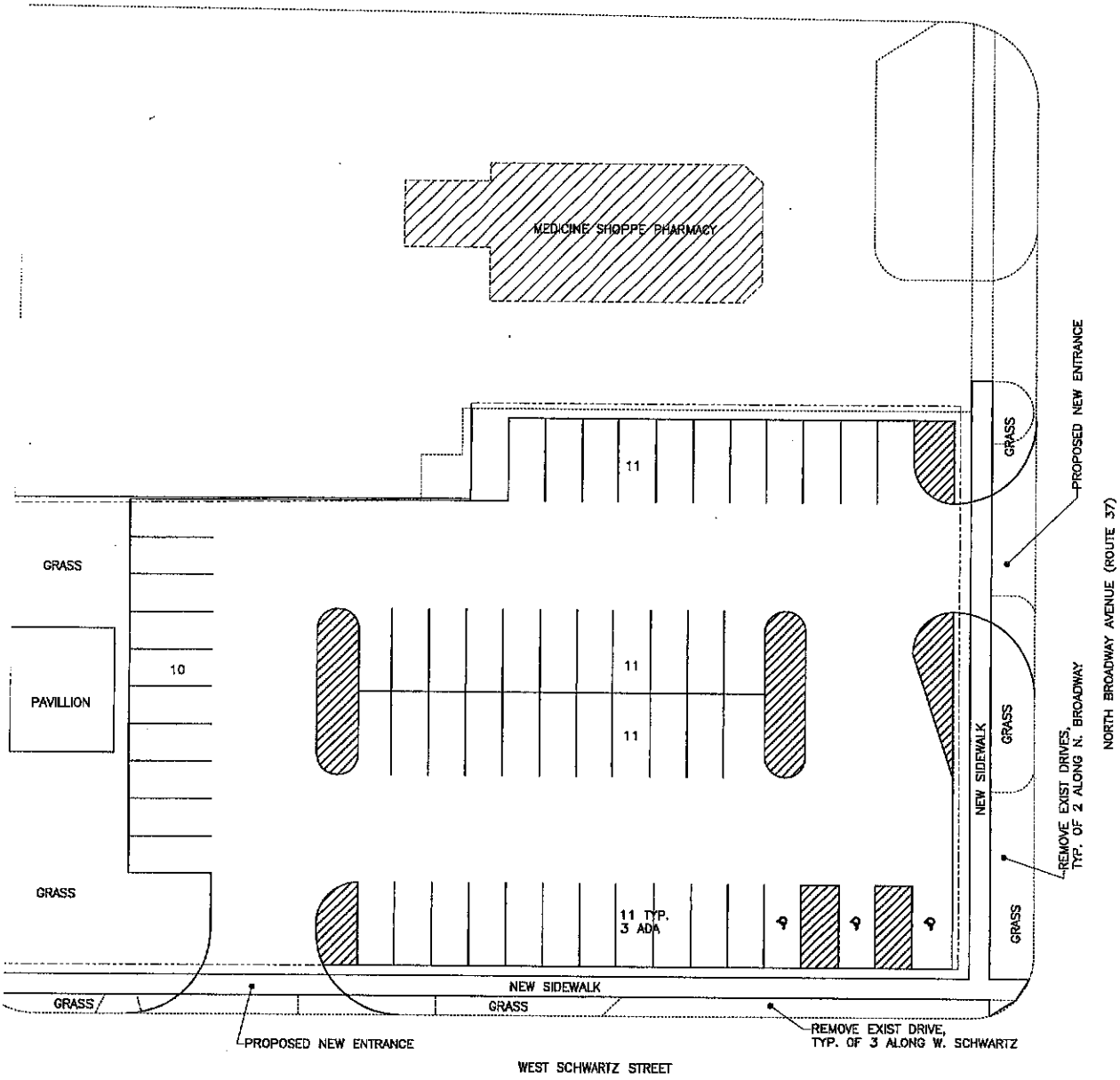
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