

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 27, 2024

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: See attached list.

Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith requested that Board Member Christopher Krupp continue with conducting the Full Board Meeting.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Claude Howell addressed the Full Board Members, and commended them for welcoming him to the past meetings.

Next, Melissa Mallow, Marion County Health Department Director presented her Annual Report of the Board of Health. She distributed a pamphlet (see attachment) to the Board Members prior to the presentation. She thoroughly reviewed and discussed each item on the report. She welcomed any questions or concerns and responded to each one. Board Member David Iossi inquired to how many people are on staff at the Department. Ms. Mallow acknowledged that there are 24-part time and full time employees. Board Member Adam Smith posed questions with reference to investments, to which she efficiently responded.

Ms. Mallow was commended by Chairwoman Debbie Smith and several Board Members for her report and her services for Marion County.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Tyson McHenry. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Committee Chairman Bill Henson allowed Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, to discuss the Illinois House Bill 4512. Mr. Miller provided examples of how the public can access the Marion County Property Assessments. He explained the difficulties of finding certain locations and certain information of the areas when published in a newspaper. The expense last year for the publication, which is required by State Statute, was \$28,000.00. The Illinois House Bill 4512 amends the Property Tax Code. In Counties with less than 3,000,000 residents, the assessment list may be posted on the Supervisor of Assessment's website. During the last Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 support for this option was confirmed. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-07: Supporting Illinois House Bill 4512 (HB4512) was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent, therefore Committee Member Deborah Reed conveyed that the finalized copy of the American Legal Publishing Codification Agreement was received. A copy will be emailed to each Marion County Board Member.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was no new information to be conveyed.

Board Member Adam Smith had questions with reference to a grant that was denied for the Marion County Highway Department. Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman clarified that after speaking with Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, that the State was looking for a higher population area and visible. Mr. Krupp continued by explaining that the Levy for the Highway Department was passed by their Department, but concerns with Marion County not passing a Levy may affect future grant applications. This matter will be addressed at a future Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 23, 2024 and was seconded by Bill Henson. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

With regards to 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, a revised copy has been written. This item will be addressed at the next 911/ESDA Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. A copy will be emailed to Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour prior to that date.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that consideration of an increase with the insurance coverage on the ESDA sirens needs to be addressed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was no new information to be conveyed.

A Closed Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. with an open combined Meeting with the Finance & Insurance Committee at 6:30 P.M.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp relayed that he had spoken to Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith and requested to be removed as Chairman for the Committee and appoint Committee Member Deborah Reed for the position. The current Committee Chairwoman is Deborah Reed.

Mrs. Reed stated that correspondence from Spectrum was received, which requested a letter of support for increasing Broadband in Marion County. She will be sending a copy of Resolution 2023-45: Supporting Broadband Internet Access for All Residents and Areas of Marion County, Illinois to them.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith made a motion to disband the Bicentennial Committee and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Previous Committee Chairman Adam Smith noted that a large amount of interesting information with regards to Marion County's history was disclosed during this time.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that three Marion County businesses have renewed the license so far this year. They include Iron Saddle Ranch, Colonial Golf Course, and A Fair Barn. She relayed that there is only one liquor license application available in the County at this time.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour reiterated that they are currently switching from Cushing Systems to ID Networks, Inc. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith acknowledged that Mr. Whritenour celebrated his 20 years of service with the Centralia Police Department and was commended by the Marion County Board Members.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that the next meeting will be conducted on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that a meeting is being conducted this evening in Effingham, Illinois. Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer is in attendance.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whitenour stated that a meeting was conducted on Thursday, February 22, 2024. He commended Kelly Tinsley, Executive Director, for all of her dedicated service with the organization. In addition, he conveyed that the Housing Authority environment in Centralia has greatly improved since she took charge of the department.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that the next meeting will be conducted on March 18, 2024.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that the last meeting was cancelled due to a quorum not being met.

Marion County Board Chairwoman commended Sheriff Kevin Cripps for the article in the Centralia Sentinel with reference to hiring a School Resource Officer for South Central and Patoka schools.


Marion County Board Member Jack Riley had questions in regards to Marion County Board demonstrating support for the TIF District in Salem, Illinois. A letter of support was issued the day after it was approved by the Full Board. At this point the letter stands. If in the future the necessity for a Resolution will be considered.


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: 8:05 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 3/12/24



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


2-27-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Kevin Crapps - Sheriff

John Henry Paul

Paul House, Carl. County

Dennis Doenberger

Wayne S. Walker

MARK MUEE

Bill Smith

Bruce Kraft, WJBD

Melissa Mellow, Marion Co. Health Dept.