

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 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 Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Christopher Krupp, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Creighton Engel (arrived late), and Adam Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, stated that he received the Final Equalization Factor from the State. They reviewed his final abstract, all of the sales from the year, and assessed values associated with those sales, and the State issued a 1.0 Equalization Factor. Mr. Miller explained that the State felt that his 10% was appropriate by issuing this number. He concluded by relaying that the Tax Bills should be distributed on schedule this year.

Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner distributed an estimate from T & S Plumbing and Contracting, Inc. to the Board Members (see attachment). He indicated that it was from 2020 and in reference to correcting the odor in the Marion County Public Service Building. Board Member Christopher Krupp stated that the last report was that the issue has been resolved. A final decision of how to close the wall area where the repair was made is the only remaining matter of concern. Mr. Waggoner expressed that this was brought to the Board's attention in 2020 and he questioned "where did the ball get dropped." After reviewing the estimate, Mr. Krupp announced that he did not recall discussing the odor issue until the year 2023 when the Office Holders were asked to prepare a priority list of repairs. Board Members Sharon Woodward and Judith Meeks-Hakim did not have any recollection of this being addressed in 2020 and both concurred that the estimate does not describe what it is for. Mr. Waggoner stated that the individuals that he has been talking with verified that it is specifically for the odor problem in the Public Service Building. Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith asserted that this will be further examined. Mark Miller inquired if Mr. Waggoner had contacted Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director. He would not indicate who he had communicated with regards to this matter. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder disclosed that she has been working with the 2020 Meeting Minutes up to July of that year. This concern had not been brought to the Board's attention up to this point, but she will continue researching. Marion County Board Member Bill Henson spoke with respect to this time period and the COVID restrictions causing confusion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on February 27, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Due to Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk being absent, Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that if there were issues with the Illinois Department of Revenue’s figures to direct them to Mr. Fox.

Illinois Department of Revenue:

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|----|-------------|-------------|
| ¼% | \$93,785.29 | \$94,969.51 |
| 1% | \$49,260.96 | \$44,708.22 |

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Approval of Bills

General: \$83,785.13 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp addressed the Marion County’s Coroner’s bill which was tabled from the Full Board Meeting held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. He stated that he received information from Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth, but there is a need for further discussion on Elected Official’s Budgets. He conveyed that Big R did nothing wrong, and he would like for them to receive their monies. Motion to approve paying the Big R bill for \$1,500.99 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$42,836.49 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: \$653,245.87 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Financial & Insurance Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. The topic of the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Coverage Increase was addressed at that meeting. He relayed that the limit \$46,158.00 would increase the annual premium by \$1,274.00, and the Committee approved for this to come before the Full Board. This would only cover the 12 sirens that Marion County is responsible for. He has a pending email from Chaney and Karch Insurance that will provide information with regards to the annual premium increase for a \$55,000.00 limit on each siren. Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner recommended that the Board approve the initial increased limit amount and alter the coverage if deems appropriate after

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

receiving the requested information from the insurance provider since storm season is in effect. Chairman Christopher Krupp concurred. Motion to approve the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Increase Limit to \$46,158.00 for each siren with a premium increase of \$1,274.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: all ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Mr. Krupp will follow through with obtaining the figures for the \$55,000.00 coverage.

Regarding the Old Business on the Agenda, Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Projects Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was again tabled. Additionally, the topic of the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage will be discussed in the near future. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Committee Meeting with a presentation by Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance, will be conducted on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. With respect to the Audit update, he conveyed that WIPFLI is gathering the final data to complete the 2021 Audit.

In conclusion, the Bailiff Pay Increase was previously discussed and included in the 2024 Budget, but not approved. Motion to increase the Bailiff's pay to \$104.00 per day was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This amount will be retroactive to December 1, 2023.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$26,275.13 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel relayed that there was an issue with the backdoor at the Marion County Public Service Building. Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance had spoken with a company with regards to the door, and the quote was approximately \$5,000.00 for its replacement. Mr. Daniels contacted the door company and they fixed the door instead of replacing it. The total cost was approximately \$100.00.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$153,161.75 Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour announced that this total is enlarged due to the Axon bill for the in car cameras. This amount is \$68,805.28 and payment will be made through the ¼% Sales Tax. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office Report was presented by Troy Reed, Marion County Jail Administrator. He relayed there are 48 inmates which includes 31 Federal inmates and 1 Juvenile housed in Madison County. The in car cameras have not been installed, but the body cameras have been functioning for the last couple of months.

Due to Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Director being ill, a report was not given.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Approval of Bills: \$72,015.12 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nays (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

County & Community Committee -- Continued:

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer was absent and there was no new report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that he had nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$212,600.33 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

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

Resolution 2024-08: Purchase 2017 MACK Truck – Higgs Welding \$29,900.00. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-08 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-09: ROW Request CTC Illinois, Berry Road. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-09 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Jack Riley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Guest Mike Heinzmann addressed the Full Board with concerns regarding Red Stripe Road west of Odin Road in Marion County. This is a Marion County road. He discussed traffic issues on Red Stripe Road during the time period that Green Street Road and Odin Road will be closed for repairs. Michael McCormick verified that this project is on the maintenance repair schedule. In addition, he stated that keeping Green Street Road open during its renovation is part of the contract. Traffic may be reduced to one lane during this period. Closure of Odin Road will be determined by the contractor at the time of its repair project.

Next, Mr. McCormick continued by relaying that tree trimming took place on Green Street Road recently. He commended the agencies involved with the Highway Department during this project. This included AT & T, Centralia ESDA, and the City of Central City. The Green Street Road and Odin Road Safety Project and the replacement of the closed bridge on Kline Road in Patoka Township are to begin in April, 2024. He is also anticipating the replacement of the closed Range Road Bridge to begin in September or October of this year.

In conclusion, more repairs have to be made to the Skillet Fork Bridge on Route 161 Extension next week. Mr. McCormick will be making an announcement that all traffic will be detoured beginning next Tuesday, March 18, 2024 through at least Friday, March 22, 2024.

Prior to continuing with the 911/ESDA Committee's report, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the availability or if any opportunities exist for the public to provide any economic impact feedback during the time that Mr. McCormick applies for Grants for the Skillet Fork Bridge replacement. He responded that there is an additional grant that he will be applying for that requires certain documentation that will be taken into consideration for awarding the final decision of the Grant. Mr. Waggoner suggested that the Road & Bridge Committee conduct a meeting to address the public's input with regards to the bridge and also provide the location where to forward their correspondence.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour conveyed that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. During the Meeting, a decision was made to have an Emergency Siren Site Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. An additional 911/ESDA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Next, Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve 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 and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 14 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed. Marion County Board Member Tracy Murray questioned if the Marion County municipalities were notified of the Agreement, which Mr. Whritenour verified that each of them were sent emails, letters, and invites to all Committee meetings. Any one of them may contribute any amount of monies to the cost of the service.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. He conveyed that the main topic of the meeting was the revision of the Marion County Board Secretary’s Job Description. The primary objective for modifying the job duties is due to the Secretary’s position becoming full time. For instance, the days and hours per week were changed, and the addition of sick and vacation time information. Furthermore, the description and duties of the Freedom of Information Act Officer were included, and the responsibilities with scanning and submitting the Resolutions and Ordinances for Marion County to American Legal Publishing for codification. A draft of the description will be sent to the Committee Members for review and approval.

Mr. Smith continued by relaying that he had reached out to Legal Counsel Rick Stewart with regards to him representing Marion County. He and Attorney Stewart will be in contact with one another in the near future.

Lastly, Mr. Smith stated that Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth will be reviewing the final copy of the Laborer’s Contract for the Marion County Highway Department that was received from Daniel Wiggins.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ^{Deborah Reed} CHRISTOPHER KRUPP


Chairman ^{Deborah Reed} ~~Christopher Krupp~~ stated that there were no updates.

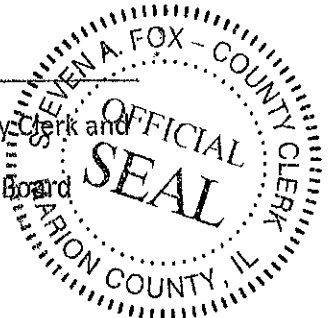
Nothing further to come before the Board, Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 3-26-24



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


3-12-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Donna Rosenberger
Clark Howell Coud. for me Larson

Bill Smith

Jeffrey Scherer

~~Paul H. H. Jr~~

Ray Luc Jail Admin.

Wayne Walker

Mark Miller, Marion Co. Sup. of Assessments

Michael McCormick, MCHD

Shari Butler, ESDA

Bruce Krupp