

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, March 26, 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 Claude Howell.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County resident Jennifer Timms addressed the Full Board Members with respect to the Skillet Fork Bridge and her concerns. She conveyed that the roads off of Extension Route 161, which would need to be taken if the bridge is shut down, are deplorable. In addition, the alternative main roads for heavier traffic are quite a distance from this area. Ms. Timms questioned if a solution could be larger warning signs with respect to the weight limits or if officers could issue citations for violations in this area. Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps responded that issuing overweight citations would be difficult for his department due to the inability of determining if trailers are loaded or unloaded. Sheriff Cripps stated that there is a requirement of certification. Therefore, the Illinois State Police have been notified several times and they have responded. He directed Ms. Timms to contact Michael McCormick, Marion County Highway Engineer, with respect to the signage and any future closures. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman, Steven Bradley concurred.

Prior to continuing with the meeting, Roll Call was 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, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Creighton Engel.

Judge Mark Stedelin addressed the Full Board Members with regards to the renovation of Courtroom 301 in the Marion County Courthouse. A proposal from Shores Builders was distributed and reviewed (see attachment). He stated that he would prefer for the Board to consider the estimate and approve it within the next couple of weeks. His preference is to begin the project as soon as possible. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that she would forward this information to Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel, and have him schedule a Committee Meeting prior to the last Full Board Meeting in April, 2024. Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker recommended exploring if CURE Act Funds are available to cover the costs for the renovation. Full Board Member, Brock Waggoner questioned if the Attorneys' opinions are being considered. Judge Stedelin conveyed that this is not a major concern in his opinion. He would like to see more electronic access at the tables in the Courtroom for them to utilize. Ms. Schicker has a Technical Grant that is available and will be applied to those updates. Furthermore, Full Board Member David Iossi inquired if Bluetooth or wireless was an option. Judge Stedelin and Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker relayed that security is a vast issue with this

choice along with errors with reliability. Chairwoman Debbie Smith commended Judge Stedelin for all of his time and commitment to gathering all of the renovation bid's information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated March 12, 2024 was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Voice Vote, Full Board Member Deborah Reed stated that a correction to the name of the Broadband Committee Chairman should be changed to Deborah Reed. This amendment will be made. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent, therefore State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the letter from Odin Fire Protection District President, Rod Hawley. Motion to reappoint Vicki Smith for an additional term for the Odin Fire Protection District Trustees was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Next, Attorney Tim Hudspeth addressed the letter from Kinmundy –Alma Fire Protection District. Motion to reappoint Mike Vandever to the position of Trustee for the Kinmundy-Alma Fire Protection District for an additional three-term commencing May 1, 2024 was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Full Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if South Central Transit has any reappointments that need to be addressed. Full Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith conveyed that she has not received any notifications from the agency through the Board Secretary's office.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by relaying that the annual Commissary Audit for the Marion County Sheriff's Office will begin soon. He reiterated that the FY 2021 Audit draft is WIPFLI's main focus and should be completed by the end of the month, and the FY 2022 Audit draft by the end of May. In reference to the FY 2023 Audit draft, the projected completion is July 2024.

He continued by conveying that Ordinance 2024-02: Increase Threshold for Construction Project Bids (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46), the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage, and the discussion of the Budget for the part-time janitor will be discussed at the Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Next, Mr. Krupp relayed that the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Coverage Prorated Premium Increase was \$914.00. The \$55,000.00 coverage increase will also be considered at the Committee Meeting next week.

Furthermore, the subject of the T & S Plumbing estimate dated July 13, 2020 was discussed. An explanation of their services for a collapsed sewage pipe in the Marion County Public Service Building during this time was given by Chairman Christopher Krupp. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, had spoken with Renee Pride, Marion County Probation Director, and addressed the Full Board with her information with regards to this issue. The restoration was completed by T & S Plumbing and payment was approved by the Board and made in August, 2020. The agency also conveyed that

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

more issues may develop in the future due to the age of the pipework. Mr. Miller was commended for his research on this topic by Mr. Krupp and Mrs. Debbie Smith.

Lastly, a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 6, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to moving forward with the next Committee's report, Full Board Member, Tracy Murray questioned the previous subject of the Big R bill. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith reiterated that it has been paid. Chairwoman Debbie Smith emphasized the importance of the Board Members reviewing the monthly bills and addressing any questions or concerns with them.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members with his Department's report. He conveyed that there are 51 inmates total with 32 being Federal. He stated that the Federal inmate population has increased. The Sheriff's Department handled 778 calls and 52 traffic stops during the month.

Sheriff Cripps continued with a video presentation with respect to a pilot program for a Deputy Assigned to DCFS. The main purpose of this project is for the safety of the Social worker and the children. It will also allow a quicker response for an officer to take a child into protective custody. The DCFS Agencies that have this pilot program are Iroquois, Macon, Madison, Jefferson, Jackson, Knox, Peoria, and Sangamon Counties in Illinois. He stated that Illinois is wanting every county in the state to implement this application. Sheriff Cripps has had an in-depth conversation with the DCFS officer from Jefferson County with very positive feedback. The costs of the officer's salary and his/her equipment are 100% covered by the DCFS Agency with Sheriff Cripps being the supervisor of this officer. Questions from the Full Board Members were answered. Motion to authorize Sheriff Kevin Cripps to proceed with the draft of the Intergovernmental Agreement for a DCFS Officer was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Brock Waggoner. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This matter will continue to be addressed at a future Full Board Meeting.

Sheriff Cripps stated that two deputies will be attending training for the School Resource Officer in April. The officers will begin services in Patoka and South Central schools in the Fall of 2024. Additional officers for Raccoon and Selmaville schools are still being considered.

He ended his report with addressing the pole on the North side of the Courthouse that was damaged approximately a year ago by a motor vehicle accident. He conveyed that this is where all of the fiber optic lines run and needs repaired as soon as possible. In addition, he will follow through with any insurance claims in relation to this restoration.

Next, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator, relayed her report (see attachment). She stated that ESDA recently assisted with the Antique Power Days Auction. She has been in contact with Braniff Communications. A representative from the company will be in Marion County the week of April 29, 2024 to inspect her emergency sirens. In addition, they are willing to examine the Salem and Centralia sirens.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Ms. Barter continued by relaying that ESDA has assisted the Marion County Sheriff's Office with three calls this month for traffic controls. The Agency provided assistance with the PKC Coon Hunt last week, where 900 plus dogs were in attendance. Additionally, ESDA will provide aid during the Eclipse Weekend Events at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The ESDA Office will be open Friday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., then the required 24 hours on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. Board Member Brock Waggoner had questions with regards to their services with assistance for traffic control during this period. Ms. Barter responded that a request from the Sheriff's Office will have to be made first, but they will be available.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Committee Chairman Bill Henson announced nothing new to report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner announced nothing new to report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley announced nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour requested a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 12, 2024. Christopher Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour continued by stating that the Site Visit of the Emergency Sirens has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 2:00 P.M. 911/ESDA Committee Members are to meet at the Marion County ESDA Office. Committee Member Brock Waggoner questioned State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth with reference to the requirements for this meeting and the Open Meetings Act. State's Attorney Mr. Hudspeth suggested it to be posted. An Agenda will be distributed and posted for this meeting.

Next, Chairman Mr. Whritenour addressed the Everbridge \$3,300.00 invoice. He explained that it pertains to their professional services. The Cities of Salem and Centralia have agreed to pay \$1000.00 each and Marion County will be responsible for the remaining balance of \$1,300.00. Andrew Strong, Salem Emergency Management Coordinator has volunteered to assist other communities within Marion County in setting up their own Everbridge System. Adam Smith made a motion to pay the invoice of \$3,300.00 with the Cities of Salem and Centralia contributing \$1,000.00 each and Marion County to pay \$1,300.00 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). 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 that was passed at the last Full Board Meeting, a letter will be issued to the Marion County Municipalities requesting a contribution from them for this service. The Cities of Salem and Centralia have both committed to paying \$3,200 each. The correspondence to the other entities will request a donation up to \$500.00. This contract will include the years 2024 and 2025. Individuals will be allowed to establish the notification alerts that pertain to them.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith requested a motion to approve the Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 6, 2024. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

A Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting will be scheduled in April, 2024 to discuss hiring Attorney Rick Stewart, Stewart Law Firm, PC, as legal counsel for Marion County's Labor Relations.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBORAH REED

Committee Chairman Deborah Reed relayed that Board Member Brock Wagoner sent her an article stating that as of March 15, 2024, the Federal Communications Commission quadrupled the minimum Community Broadband Internet Speeds. Therefore, according to the updated Broadband Map Challenge, Marion County is now considered unserved.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CREIGHTON ENGEL

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel was absent; therefore, a report was bypassed by Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith. A Building & Historical Committee Meeting will be scheduled soon.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced nothing new to report.

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: 7:23 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 4/9/24

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





Revised
received
3/12/24

2222 E McCord Street
Centralia, IL 62801

PHONE: (618) 532-3997
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PROPOSAL

March 11, 2024

Marion County Courthouse
100 E. Main St.
Salem, IL 62881

RE: Court Room Remodel

Mark,

Our cost to complete the casework, walls and door per our conversation includes the labor, material and equipment to complete the following items. Once you have a chance to review the scope please feel free to give me a call at any time if you have any questions or comments

Scope of Work

Re-work witness stand/Jury Box

- 1.) Demo existing witness area
 - 2.) Build new platform (3'x5')
 - 3.) Modify existing rails/trim as needed
 - 4.) Install existing seat back
 - 5.) Daily cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$3,670.00**

Wheel Chair access-

- 6.) Modify existing rails to allow wheel chair access
 - 7.) Install trim as needed to complete the opening
 - 8.) Daily/Final clean up of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$2,475.00**

Install new wainscot-

- 9.) Remove existing wainscot (approx. 400sf)
 - 10.) Install new wainscot (to match existing woodwork)
 - 11.) Install trims/caps as needed to finish out the tops of the panels
 - 12.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$13,567.00**

Install new door unit- (from court room to hall)

- 13.) Layout and cut opening
 - 14.) Install new frame/door in new opening
 - 15.) Install new trim around both sides of the door to match existing trims
 - 16.) Install all hardware needed to complete the unit
 - 17.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$8,700.00**

Demo existing temp walls-

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- 18.) Remove all door/s frames (save for the owners)
 - 19.) Demo existing walls and haul off
 - 20.) Patch ceiling tiles as needed if damaged by the demo
 - 21.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$3,700.00**

Install new desk/work area (Budget number on unit)

- 22.) Remove existing desk and tops
 - 23.) Modify base to fit new desk
 - 24.) Install new desk/top to match existing wood work (budget cost)
 - 25.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$7,800.00**
Budget for desk- \$6,500.00

Install new carpet tile flooring-

- 26.) Demo existing carpet
 - 27.) Remove and re-install bench seats
 - 28.) Misc. Floor prep
 - 29.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$30,600.00**

Paint area/stain trim work-

- 30.) Misc. touch up on walls and ceilings
 - 31.) Paint ceilings/walls
 - 32.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$18,480.00**

Install new trim around mural-

- 33.) Install new 2" wide trim around mural
 - 34.) Stain trim to match existing
 - 35.) Daily/Final cleanup of our scope of work
- Total for the work listed above- \$2,319.00**

TERMS

We hereby propose to furnish materials and labor -- complete in accordance with the above specifications. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alterations or deviations involving extra costs will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements are contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Our workers are fully covered by Workmen's Compensation Insurance. One (1) year warranty on all labor. Payments are to be made monthly as work progresses. Balance due upon completion. A service charge of 2% per month, which is 24% per annum, will be charged on any unpaid balance, which exceeds 30 days.

Signature

Date

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work, as specified. Payments are to be made when invoice is presented.

Signature _____

Date _____

Marion County ESDA
March 2024 Monthly Report

March 2nd
Power Days Auction

*2 Brariff Com - April 29
Week.*

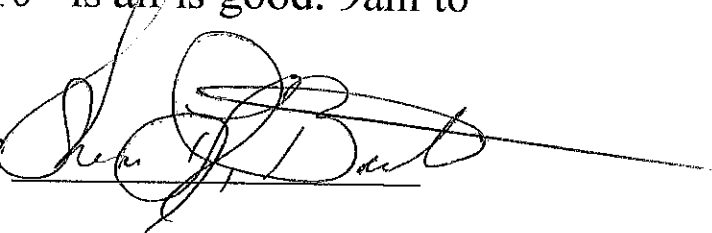
We were called out on 3 calls so far this month to help the Sheriff Dept. with traffic control. 3 units / 3 personal for each call.

March 18-23

PKC Coon Hunters World Champion Hunt 2023
The first cast night there were about 900 plus dogs Friday night in Newton which is Jasper County. A PKC Coon Dog worth approximately \$20,000. and was chalked to win the hunt with a purse of approximately \$50,000. got lost, after hours of searching, the dog was located in the garage of one of the volunteers in Jasper County that was helping look for the dog. The dog had been poisoned and had to be put down, the Jasper County Sheriff was called along with the State Police and State Game Warden. The persons involved, have been arrested and detained. Charges to be filed are cruelty to animals, kidnapping or detaining of animal just to start. That is all I have been told.

For April, we are gearing up for the eclipse and the EOC will be opened each day with extended hours
Friday 5th and 6th 8am to 7pm
Sunday 7th thru 9th the office will be open 24 hours.
Then back to normal hours on the 10th is all is good. 9am to 3pm

Date *March 26-2024* Signed off



3-26-24

Full Board Meeting

Guests

Shel S. Baxter Marion Co. ESRA
Zachary E. Paul Marion Co. Citizen (SKILLCOT FORK BRIDGE)
Janet Timm
Kevin Cripps Sheriff
Bill Smith
John Henry Paul
Dennis Rosenberger, Morning Sentinel
Bruce Krupp, WJBD
Wayne Haskins
Claude Howell
Mark Miller, Supervisor of Assessments
Tiffany Schickel, Circuit Clerk
Judge Mark Medalia
Jim Hudspeth, State Atty
Sheriff Kevin Cripps