

SPECIAL MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 302

Meeting convened at 7:08 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the 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, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Steven Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Chris Krupp and Debbie Smith.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Tiffany Schicker, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Bruce Kropp, WJBD, and Dennis Rosenberger, The Sentinel.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour allowed Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed to address the Window Blind bids for the Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building. Mrs. Reed stated that 2 bids (see attachments) were received and opened during the Committee Meeting conducted the previous evening, and an agreement was made to bring the Chapman's Furniture quote to the Full Board for its approval. A brief description of the proposed blinds was given. Deb Reed made a Motion to approve the Chapman's Furniture bid of \$43,540.00 for the window blinds at the Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if this was going to be the last item included on the Window, Generator, and GPS loan. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed and Board Chairman Steve Whritenour verified that it ought to be. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Marion County Supervisor of Assessments will be contacting Chapman's Furniture to follow through with this project.

Following, Mr. Whritenour authorized Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner to provide information regarding Ordinance 2025-03: Amendment to Budget Appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance 2024-07 (FY 2025). Mr. Waggoner announced that he had conversations with Justin Greeley, Bellwether LLC. with respect to restoring the monies to the Marion County Sheriff Department's Budget. This included \$200,000.00 reclaimed in the Building Improvement line item and \$12,000.00 in a new line item, Software Maintenance. A thorough discussion transpired. Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03 and was seconded by Tracy Murray. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour clarified why Resolution 2025-26: Resolution Appointing County Engineer (Alex Kreke) was coming before the Board. It is an Illinois Department of Transportation formality regarding the completion process of hiring a Marion County Highway Department Engineer. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that after receiving Alex Kreke's certification notification, Mr. Kreke is eligible for the appointment to the Marion County Engineer position with a tentative start date of May 1, 2025. Judith Meeks-Hakim made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-26 and was seconded by Adam Smith. After a brief discussion it was determined to take a Roll Call Vote instead of a Voice Vote. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Thereafter, Chairman Mr. Whritenour distributed a copy of the Animal Boarding Agreement (see attachment) to each Marion County Board Member. He described how the contract with Doggie Den in Centralia will be expiring on April 15, 2025 and that a new location needed to be found. He relayed that he had met with the new owners of Barking Lot in Centralia and explained to them the issues that Marion County Animal Control are having. They are willing to help with resolving the housing situations of the animals picked up in Marion County. Mr. Whritenour provided information regarding the services that the Barking Lot facility offers. After speaking with them, he conveyed that he had drafted an Animal Boarding Agreement with Barking Lot and taken it to Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth for his input and consent to present it to the Board for its approval. Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator had questions and concerns, which were addressed by Mr. Whritenour. An additional detailed discussion transpired. Mr. Whritenour stated that item Number 10 on the Animal Boarding Agreement is to be stricken. Brock Waggoner made a Motion to approve the Agreement provided minus point Number 10 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Before moving forward with the Meeting, County & Community Chairman and Board Member Tracy Murray emphasized that this is a lower monthly expense and indicated that it is a better alternative to the Agreement offered last year. He commended Steve Whritenour for his work and submitting this option. Multiple Board Members shared the same sentiment.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to go into Closed Session for discussion of the ESDA Coordinator position and the Marion County Highway Staffing and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Sharon Woodward, Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Tim McCance, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Adam Smith, and David Iossi.

A brief break occurred prior to the beginning of the Closed Session.

Closed Session began at 7:43 P.M.

Came out of Closed Session at 8:23 P.M.

Brock Waggoner made a Motion to reaffirm that the Marion County ESDA Coordinator position is a part time position as it has always been in Marion County and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Tracy Murray made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and was second by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:25 P.M.

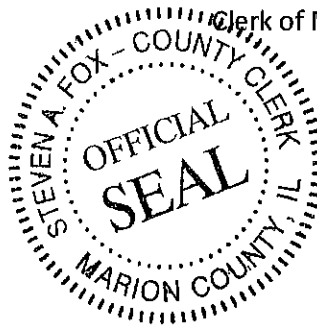
Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ ✓

Date: 5-27-25

Steven A Fox

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk and

Clerk of Marion County Board



Chapman's Design and Furniture  
210 W. Main  
P.O. Box 131  
Salem Il, 62881  
Phone 618-548-2221  
Cell 618-267-4309

I would like to submit the following bid  
Shades for 93 windows.

All windows that are 107 long will have 1 shade on 1/3 top of window and 1 shade on 2/3 bottom of window. This will allow better operations and safety.

Expected delivery 2-3 weeks Install time 2 weeks or less

**PRICE COMPLETE- \$43,540.00**

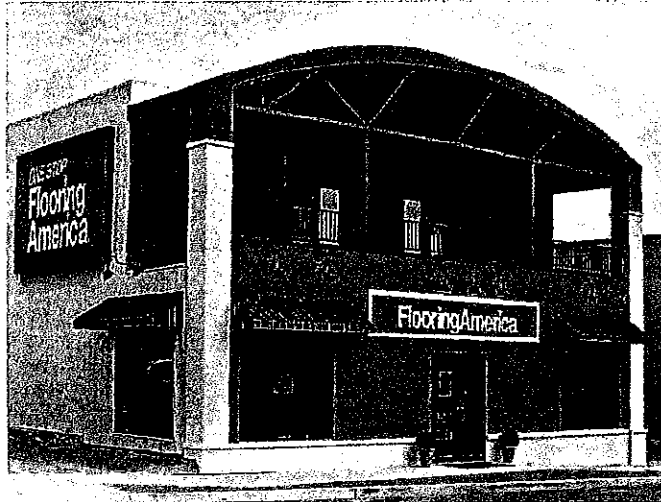
½ deposit at time of order, balance on completion.  
Manufactured by: Western Window Coverings.

All shades are real wood  
All shades will have a wood valance  
to cover head rail  
All shades are cordless  
Price includes installation

Thank You

Leon Chapman

318 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Mount Vernon, IL 62864  
*Where Friends Send Friends*



TO:

Marion County Board Secretary  
 Marion County Court House  
 100 E. Main St.  
 Room 201  
 Salem, IL 62881  
 FROM:

One Stop Flooring America, Inc.  
 318 South 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Mt. Vernon, IL 62864  
 618-242-5712 Fax 618-242-5783  
 Date: 4/7/2025

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
		<p>Provide Custom real wood 2-inch horizontal window blinds (Hunter Douglas – Alta) for 93 windows, with wood Valance, cordless operation at Marion County Courthouse and Public Service Building.</p> <p>Delivery and Installation 30 – 45 days of approval.</p> <p>We will measure the exact window size before ordering blinds.</p> <p>50% Deposit at time of order, balance due upon completion of installation.</p> <p>Performance bond &amp; proof of insurance can be provided at time bid is awarded if needed</p>		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,695.00*</b>

*\*Price includes freight & installation. Sales tax is not applicable.*

## ANIMAL BOARDING AGREEMENT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made this 15th day of April 2025, between Mutts Ventures LLC, DBA The Barking Lot, an Illinois LLC, hereinafter referred to as The Barking Lot, and the County of Marion, Illinois, a county government, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY.

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY employs its own Animal Control WARDEN to enforce animal control laws within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, in performance of his duties, said Animal Control Warden has to impound dogs which need to be held in a suitable animal shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, COUNTY does not own or operate an animal shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, The Barking Lot owns and operates an animal boarding facility within Marion County, Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to enter into an agreement to allow COUNTY to impound dogs at The Barking Lot's animal facility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of** the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto contract and agree as follows:

1. This agreement shall take effect and be in full force beginning on April 15th, 2025, and lasting until its expiration on December 31st, 2025, and shall commence upon approval by both the Marion County Board and appropriate officer(s) of The Barking Lot.

2. Unless cancelled by either party as stated below prior to the end of the term set forth in paragraph 1 above, the term of this agreement shall thereafter automatically be extended for an additional six months. Either party may cancel or terminate this agreement at any time upon (30) thirty days written notice to the other party.

3. As compensation for The Barking Lot's services, the COUNTY shall pay The Barking Lot the sum of \$5,000 per month.

4. The Barking Lot does hereby authorize the COUNTY to impound in The Barking Lot's animal boarding facility those dogs picked up by the Marion County's Animal Control Warden in the performance of his duties in all areas of Marion County. The Barking Lot has the right to refuse impoundment at any time deemed necessary due to an animal deemed overly aggressive or dangerous.

5. The Barking Lot agrees to keep 12 dog kennels available to the COUNTY at all times.

6. All dogs brought to The Barking Lot by the COUNTY will be properly vaccinated for Rabies, Distemper, Bordetella prior to impoundment/boarding.

7. The Barking Lot agrees to board a dog impounded by COUNTY for a period of 14 days, at the end of which COUNTY must take possession of the dog and remove it from The

Barking Lot's facility. Alternatively, at the end of the 14 day period, The Barking Lot may agree to and hereby does reserve the right to assume ownership of a dog at their discretion at the end of the 14-day period.


8. The Marion County Animal Warden along with The Barking Lot will make every effort to rehome, adopt, and rescue all dogs during the 14 day period.

9. In exchange for the payment made hereunder, The Barking Lot will provide food and shelter for the dogs housed for the COUNTY. If a dog needs medical care, the COUNTY will retrieve the dog from The Barking Lot and be solely responsible for any and all treatment and expenses necessary for the dog.


10. The Barking Lot shall bill COUNTY monthly for its services rendered pursuant to this agreement. Said invoices shall be paid within thirty days to The Barking Lot.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement this\_\_ day of April, 2025.

**The Barking Lot**

By:   
Owner

**Marion County, Illinois**

By:   
Marion County Board Chairman

Stacey - On Call Phone

618 761-8016

618 533-9255 main line

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Main Door.