

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 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.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from the Full Board Meeting held on March 26, 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%	\$81,621.88	\$74,589.19
1%	\$40,413.09	\$37,302.56

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox recited the letter from Salem Fire Protection District Board Secretary, James T. Somer. Motion to reappoint Stephen M. Squibb for an additional term for the Salem Fire Protection District Trustees was made by Tyson McHenry and seconded by Deborah Reed. His current term expires 5/1/24. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by stating that a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting was held Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., and the topics of that meeting will be discussed under the Old Business portion of his report.

Mr. Krupp announced that an additional Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:15 P.M. The items on the Agenda consist of the Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, the Circuit Clerk, and the Coroner's salaries.

Approval of Bills

General: \$249,589.43 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned if the amount included a purchase of a new vehicle by the Coroner's office. The purchase amount was confirmed to be incorporated in the total. Issues with not titling and registering vehicles under Marion County will be researched and discussed in the near future. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nay. Motion passed.

Insurance: \$49,620.29 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David lossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$669,374.23 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Marion County Board Member Brock Waggoner questioned the Expert Witness Fees for Public Defender and its invoice. A General Ledger Report was attached, and Mr. Krupp stated that response would need to be followed through with Craig Griffin, Marion County Lead Public Defender. This question referred to the General section of the bills, but was addressed at this time. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Chairman Christopher Krupp then addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. He stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$900.00. Motion to approve Resolutions 2024-10 through 2024-12 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David lossi. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Continuing with the Old Business listed on the Agenda, Ordinance 2024-02: Emergency Repairs to County Buildings (Resolutions 2017-44 thru 46) was discussed. The amount of \$30,000.00 is stated in a State Statue, and an agreement was previously made at a Committee Meeting to raise the amount to \$30,000.00 from \$10,000.00. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-02 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David lossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, questions from Board Members Brock Waggoner and Tracy Murray were considered and responded to. Another debate regarding what is considered to be an emergency issue occurred after inquiry from Tyson McHenry. Sheriff Kevin Cripps expressed his opinions with this significant matter. An additional Ordinance for non-emergency matters is being contemplated and will be addressed in the near future. Roll Call Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Brock Waggoner and Tyson McHenry). Motion passed. A Point of Order was made by Brock Waggoner. It was clarified.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Next, increasing the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage was discussed. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp stated that a presentation from Tom Simpson, Dimond Brothers Insurance Sales Executive, had taken place at a Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The Committee determined that the amount of coverage be increased to \$3,000,000.00 with an annual premium increase of \$2,357.00 and be presented to the Full Board for their consideration. Motion to increase the Sexual Abuse Liability Coverage to \$3,000,000.00 from \$1,000,000.00 with an annual premium increase of \$2,357.00 (prorated) was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner questioned if \$3,000,000.00 would be an adequate amount for the size of the municipality. A response was made. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next subject matter shared from the Committee Meeting was the Office Holders Purchases. It has been determined that the Full Board does have the authority to monitor their purchases, but cannot instruct them how to spend their monies for their offices. Expenditures are allowed to be at the Office Holders discretion after the money has been approved by the Board for their Budget. Another issue analyzed was the email addresses that the Office Holders use for County business. Using the email provided by the County will be required to be utilized. A legal notification will be issued in the near future to each Office Holder.

Furthermore, Mr. Krupp conveyed that the topic of the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Coverage Increase was addressed at that meeting. He relayed that the limit \$55,000.00 would increase the annual premium by \$1,467.00 (prorated), 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. Motion to approve the Marion County ESDA Tower Schedule Increase Limit to \$55,000.00 for each siren with an annual premium increase of \$1,467.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: all ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The hiring of a County Finance Person was the next item of discussion. Having a person on retainer to assist with the County's financial matters was suggested and considered. No final decision was made. Board Members Tracy Murray and Brock Waggoner had questions and concerns that were addressed. Mr. Krupp reiterated that further discussion will occur in the course of time.

Additionally, the proposals for the renovation of the large Courtroom will be discussed at the Building & Historical Committee Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:45 P. M.

In conclusion, the Audit update was conveyed by Mr. Krupp. WIPFLI is needing more information with regards to the IMRF, concerns with achieving this data for them is an issue. County Clerk Steve Fox relayed that he has been told that this information will never be available from his office. The company will take help desk requests only and will retrieve the particulars from their old system. There is not a time limit on the return of the information. The completion of the Audit is still anticipated to be in the near future. Another phone Audit Update is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Approval of Bills: \$18,665.78 Creighton Engel made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Committee Chairman Creighton Engel stated that one bid for the tree removal on the Courthouse lawn has been received. He is anticipating that 3 more will be obtained by the next Full Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024. During the time of the tree removal, tilling the Courthouse lawn has been considered with a fee of approximately \$1,000.00.

Next, the window replacement in the Courthouse and the Public Service Building will be discussed at the Building & Historical Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:45 P.M.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Due to the absence of Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour, Committee Member Tracy Murray conveyed the Law Enforcement Committee's Report.

Approval of Bills: \$75,192.31 Tracy Murray made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Member Tracy Murray continued by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present his report. Sheriff Cripps relayed that there were 4,813 meals served during the month with an average cost of \$2.30 per meal. There are 49 inmates which includes 29 Federal inmates and 1 Juvenile. He continued by stating that there were no issues during the day of the eclipse, but issues did occur the day before. The Command Center from the State on the West side of Salem operated very well with the Marion County Sheriff's Office. For example, their weather updates facilitated the evacuation of the campers at Forbes State Park during the rain and hail storm.

Sheriff Kevin Cripps addressed the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Marion on Behalf of the Marion County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. He is requesting the Marion County Board's approval of this service. Tracy Murray made a motion to approve an increase of the deputy count to help Marion County Sheriff Cripps while a deputy is working with DCFS with the costs being reimbursed by the State and seconded by Jack Riley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Brock Waggoner stated that he has issues regarding the State cutting their Budget of this service in 4 years. Sheriff Cripps stated that he had considered that when specifically requesting a 4-year term. He will have 3-4 deputies retiring at approximately that time to cover expenses if necessary, but he does not anticipate the State eliminating this program. Mr. Waggoner had concerns with Marion County paying the Deputy's salary if the State cancels the agreement. Sheriff Cripps emphasized that he would be financially responsible if this would be the case. Mr. Waggoner continued voicing his concerns with hiring an additional officer. Brock Waggoner made a motion to table the Intergovernmental Agreement with no seconded. Motion rejected. Chairwoman Debbie Smith made a decision to advance with the meeting. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Director was absent, so a report was not given. Sheriff Cripps spoke briefly and commended ESDA for their assistance during the time of the Solar Eclipse.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Due to Committee Chairman Bill Henson being absent, Committee Member Judith Meeks-Hakim presented the County & Community Report.

County & Community Committee – Continued:

Approval of Bills: \$13,796.99 Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – 0 nay. Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Animal Control Officer presented his monthly report. He stated that he picked up 9 dogs and destroyed 2 raccoons, He handled 2 cat bites. In addition, he returned 8-9 dogs to their original homes. Mr. Ferguson stated that he is still having issues with villages and their concerns with him not picking up their animals. Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that a letter will be sent out to the communities with an explanation that Mr. Ferguson is not responsible for the animals in their area.

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: \$238,352.62 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 and questions were answered.

Resolution 2024-13: County 2024 MFT Bituminous Bid Approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-13 was made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Resolution 2024-14: Township 2024 MFT (01-17) Bituminous Bid Approval. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-14 made by Steve Bradley and seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. McCormick continued by presenting an update with regards to the Marion County Highway Department. The Green Street Road and Odin Road Safety Project is to begin on April 23, 2024. The Skillet Fork Bridge is still in need of repairs, but remains open at this time. Mr. McCormick stated that additional signage has been placed in that area to catch people's attention for the penalties if restrictions are not followed. Spraying, ditching, and filling pot holes have been started. Mowing and oiling road projects will begin in the near future.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour was absent, therefore no report was given. Chairwoman Debbie Smith announced that 911/ESDA Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. The subject addressed at that meeting was bringing on Rick Stewart, The Stewart Law Firm, PC for Marion County's legal counsel. He conveyed that Mr. Stewart is very familiar with Marion County in that he has worked with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for many

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee – Continued:

4-9-24

Full Board Meeting

Minutes

Kevin Cripps - Sheriff

~~John Ferguson~~

~~Clark~~

Dennis Rosenberger, Salem Times Columnist

Mike McCormick, Marion County Highway Dept.

Bill Smith

Bruce Krupp, WJBI

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