

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Christopher Krupp, County Board Member, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag due to Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman and Creighton Engel, Marion County Vice Chairman being absent.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ben Stratemeyer, Marion County South Central Illinois Mass Transit District Representative, presented a brief description and update of the Agency's services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve Full Board Meeting Minutes dated May 14, 2024 was made by David Iossi and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Member Christopher Krupp recited the letter from South Central Illinois Mass Transit District. Motion to reappoint Ben Stratemeyer for an additional term for the position on Board of Directors of South Central Illinois Mass Transit District was made by Judith Meeks-Hakim and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No Nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp announced that a Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday May 22, 2024. He conveyed that an insurance audit was recently conducted and the Agency's concerns were discussed. The issues with coverage for the Marion County Courthouse, the Marion County Jail, the Public Service

Finance & Insurance Committee – Continued:

Building, and the Marion County Highway Department buildings were debated. Additional details are needed from Chaney & Karch Insurance and will be addressed at a future Committee Meeting; then be relayed to the Full Board.

Next, the FY 2022 Audit is progressing. The last two weekly discussions with WIPFLI have been cancelled, but one is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024. A report of the progress of the FY 2022 Audit will be presented at the Full Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Lastly, a thorough discussion with regards to the Federal Pacific Electrical Boxes in the Marion County Courthouse transpired. The panels are not presently covered by insurance companies due to the fire risks. Sheriff Kevin Cripps received an estimate of \$9,350.00 from TOP Electric and Lighting for the replacement of 5 electrical panels which were concerns during the insurance audit. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that in his opinion this is considered to be an emergency situation. Board Member Steven Bradley questioned a portion of the estimate referencing the charges while court is not in session. Sheriff Cripps provided clarification. Full Board Members Steven Whritenour and Tracy Murray challenged why this was not addressed by Ameresco. Board Member David Iossi mentioned that labeling in these panels is needed also. Marion County Circuit Clerk conveyed that an additional Federal Pacific Electrical Box is in the Moose Building. Mr. Krupp stated that he will confirm this information and follow through if it is an issue.

Full Board Member Brock Waggoner requested information with regards to if any other bids were sought. Sheriff Cripps' response was that "TOP Electric has done a large majority of electricity work, other than Ameresco." He continued by stating that he did not want 2 or 3 different companies working on various electrical issues. Mr. Waggoner voiced his opposition. Full Board Member and Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel supported Sheriff Cripps' decision of utilizing one company. Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Murray inquired what the insurance company's intentions would be if the replacement of the panels was delayed. Multiple Board Members were in agreement that this an essential matter and needs to be rectified as soon as possible. Mr. Krupp explained that this audit was not in relationship to a renewal of the policy. Mr. Waggoner continued to express his desire for multiple bids. Mr. Krupp will obtain clarification of the electrical panel in the Moose Building. Motion to approve the TOP Electric and Lighting bid for the replacement of 5 Federal Pacific Electrical Boxes for the amount of \$9,350.00 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 4 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Steven Whritenour, and David Iossi). Motion passed.

Marion County Vice Chairman Creighton Engel covered the remaining items on the Full Board Meeting Agenda.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel stated that no bids have been submitted for the window replacement at the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building. Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary, conveyed that the bid advertisement was published in the Tuesday, May 21, 2024 edition of the Centralia Morning Sentinel.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Next, an update from Shores Builders Construction with regards to the ADA renovation of the Main Courtroom was not available.

In conclusion, Building & Historical Committee Member David Iossi reported that Marion County Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Schicker had a grant approved for signage at the Marion County Courthouse. Coverage for the fabrication and installation of the sign is included in the grant monies; not any electrical costs. A picture of the sign, which is 6-foot-tall from the bottom of the sign to the ground, was circulated among the Full Board Members. Dr. Engel explained that the West side of the Courthouse already has a power supply available. Program training for an individual is included and that person will be assigned by Sheriff Kevin Cripps. Committee Member Christopher Krupp and Sheriff Cripps voiced their concerns with the location and size of the sign. In addition, questions were asked by Board Member Brock Waggoner regarding drawings of the proposed location, the specifications, and who is in charge of the sign's maintenance. Dr. Engel clarified that Sheriff Cripps will be the supervisor, and he may assign an individual for any maintenance of the sign. He continued to explain that Committee Member David Iossi was previously given authority to gather the information for the signage and has a copy of the particulars. Sheriff Cripps reiterated that his main concern is its location. Mr. Waggoner questioned the information to be displayed on the sign, but it was defined to only be Marion County and Courthouse related.

Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker answered questions from Board Member Sharon Woodward with regards to the signage at the Public Service Building and the Law Enforcement Center. Mrs. Schicker explained that the grants for the signs were not approved at this time, ~~but that they will be addressed in the future.~~ *See attachment for amendment.*

A Building & Historical Committee Meeting to discuss the Marion County Courthouse signage was scheduled for Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:15 P.M.

Prior to the Law Enforcement Committee's report, Dr. Engel commended Adam Smith, Dave Daniels, and Tiffany Schicker for their rapid response to the uprooted apple tree on the Courthouse lawn after the storms that passed through the area. The tree was positioned upright and staked and seems to be thriving at this time. Board Member Tracy Murray mentioned that he had been contacted by someone with concerns regarding the damaged flags at the Courthouse. Adam Smith responded that Dave Daniels, Marion County Maintenance, had already removed them from the poles and had ordered replacements.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members. Sheriff Cripps introduced newly hired Marion County Deputy, Isaak Hays. Furthermore, he stated that an additional Deputy has been hired and will be introducing him at the next Full Board Meeting. One position remains available and will be filled in the future.

Next, Sheriff Cripps conveyed that there were issues with the power at the Jail during the storm. Electrical rewiring and placing all components on the battery backup and generator is currently occurring. Focus is on the telephone communications that has been an issue during the past years. He continued by stating that the computers and Axon equipment are primarily working properly. A few complications with the in car cameras are being addressed.

Law Enforcement Committee – Continued:

Sherri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator conveyed that her Department contributed approximately 60 hours of their services to issues with storm related damages in the area. Board Member David Iossi had questions regarding the few sirens that are still non-operational. Mrs. Barter stated that quotes for the 2 Centralia sirens are pending.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss the item of the Marion County Animal Control. The Agenda will include the Animal Control Officer's job description, Centralia Animal Shelter's Contract with the County, vaccination questions, and County animal bite issues. Mr. Henson clarified and emphasized that Marion County Animal Control Officer Ken Ferguson does record all calls for liability and accountability purposes.

A decision was made to schedule a County & Community Committee Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

Prior to addressing the Sub-Committee Codification, Board Member Tracy Murray relayed that a lady in Patoka contacted him with a dog bite issue that occurred within the city limits of Patoka. She stated that Mr. Ferguson was notified and declined his services due to it being inside a municipality. In addition, she spoke with someone at the Marion County Sheriff's Office and was informed that they are unable to assist with this issue. Sheriff Cripps verified that all animal bite cases have to be reported to the Animal Control Officer and handled either by Mr. Ferguson or the Village. Mr. Henson stated that these questions and a resolution will be further discussed at the scheduled Committee Meeting. Board Member Brock Waggoner disclosed that a protocol exists within the State's Statute regarding the Animal Control Officer's duties. Additionally, he communicated that the County is liable in certain situations.

Sub-Committee Codification: Chairman Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner stated that by the next Full Board Meeting he will have more information and reports from American Legal Publishing to convey to the Board Members.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was nothing new to report.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour requested a Motion for Approval of the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated May 14, 2024. David Iossi made the Motion and Judith Meeks-Hakim seconded it. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Whritenour stated that a Committee Meeting was held prior to the Full Board Meeting this evening. The Braniff Communications' presentation was postponed until the next Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. He conveyed that a discussion transpired regarding the emergency sirens that were previously repaired by Braniff during their last inspection. The appropriate operation of the siren at the tennis courts in Salem was credited in preventing injury to individuals in a

911/ESDA Committee – Continued:

mobile home. A tree fell directly through the roof of the home after they evacuated. It was also verified that an additional siren that was previously inoperable at the Marion County Fairgrounds is now functioning as it should.

Lastly, Mr. Whritenour reiterated that the activation of entire Marion County Outdoor Emergency Siren System is a “hodge podge.” A discussion with regards to Centralia’s capability to activate only 4 sirens in that area and Salem’s availability to the others in Marion County transpired at the last Committee Meeting. The Sandoval siren is on its own system and is activated by the National Weather Service. An offer to upgrade the software from GTSI was debated at the previous Committee Meeting also. The upgrade would allow all sirens to be activated from one location. The approximate cost for this service is \$500.00. A decision was made by the Committee Members to bring this before the Full Board. David Iossi made a Motion to approve the synchronize upgrade of all Marion County Outdoor Emergency Sirens, not to exceed \$500.00 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED

Broadband Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed stated that there was nothing new to report.

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE

Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder stated that she has been receiving reports.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH

Due to the absence of Liquor Committee Chairwoman there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that he received an email with regards to a feasibility study being conducted which is examining the Marion County 911 Dispatching Centers. Consolidation of the 3 Centers in Marion County is one of the items being taken into consideration.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. at the KC Workshop.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel stated that the next meeting will be conducted in June 3, 2024.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell and Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith were absent therefore there was nothing new to report.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whitenour attended the last meeting and stated that there was nothing new to report.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed stated that there is a meeting next month.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp and Adam Smith stated that the last meeting was cancelled.

Time Adjourned: 7:24 P.M.

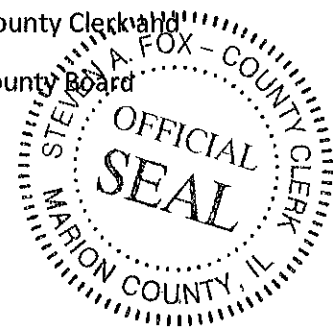
Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 6/11/24

Steve Fox

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



Fwd: Minutes amendment

Debbie Smith <dsmith@marionco.illinois.gov>

Tue 6/11/2024 3:01 PM

To: Lori Linder <llinder@marionco.illinois.gov>

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Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 3:03 PM

To: Debbie Smith <dsmith@marionco.illinois.gov>

Subject: Minutes amendment

Good afternoon, Debbie:

Could I kindly request a small amendment to the Minutes on the 3rd page at the end of the 3rd paragraph. I did explain to Commissioner Woodward that the additional signs were not approved, but I did *not* state that they will be addressed in the future. Someone else may have, but that statement did not come from me. I just wanted to ask for that small change in that I don't have the authority over either of those buildings to correct/address the signage.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Tiffany Schicker

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