

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Court Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Steve Whritenour, Marion County Board Chairman, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Marion County Coroner Claude Howell.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Shawn Richards, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent were Tracy Murray and Cody Rose.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Wayne Walker, Matt and Sue Huelskoetter, and Mark Decker.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board member Chris Krupp announced that there are openings on the Marion County Housing Authority Board. If anyone is interested they may contact Kelly Tinsley. Additional information is available on the Marion County Board website (marioncountyil.gov).

Mark Decker, Marion County America 250 Committee Co-Chairman shared information with respect to Marion County celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence 177-2026. A dinner and gathering has been scheduled to be conducted on July 3, 2026 at the Marion County Fairgrounds. Tickets are available in advance or may be purchased at the door. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MARION COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

APPOINTMENTS:

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed the Letter received from Lane Briscoe, Patoka Fire District Board President regarding the reappointment of Zeb Jolliff to the Patoka Fire Protection District Trustees to an additional 3-year term from May 1, 2026 to April 30, 2029. David Iossi made the Motion to reappoint Zeb Jolliff and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Woodward made the Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated May 26, 2026 and was seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by opening the floor to Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour to address the Sub-Committee 911/EMA. Sub-Committee Liaison Cody Rose was absent.

Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour allowed Marion County EMA Director Andrew Strong to present detailed information regarding the Sub-Committee items listed on the Agenda.

EMA Director Mr. Strong, gave a brief description of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). His appointment to this Committee will fulfill the Federal EPCRA and State hazardous materials coordination requirements. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to appoint Andrew Strong as Chair of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Shawn Richards made the Motion and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Chris Krupp made a Motion to establish the Marion County LEPC as Marion County's designated committee for hazmat emergency planning, community right-to-know coordination, and multi-agency response preparation and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Following, EMA Director Mr. Strong shared that the Agency has received donations and is anticipating additional contributions in the future to help support the Emergency Management operations, training, equipment, and preparedness activities. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to authorize EMA's acceptance of donations and follow through with the appropriate procedure with the Marion County Treasurer. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, EMA Director Mr. Strong provided information regarding the Marion County response team proposed drone project. The beneficial details were conveyed. A thorough discussion transpired which included the funding and training for the project. The Airworx, LLC quotes for the indoor/outdoor non-thermal drone (\$4,999.00) and the outdoor thermal drone (\$16,299.00) were examined by the Board Members.

Dr. Mike Douglas made the Motion to authorize the purchase of the 2 drones and was seconded by Shawn Richards. Prior to Roll Call Vote, and additional comments were debated with respect to the funds for the project. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour reiterated that \$8,500.00 is anticipated to be received from the City of Salem by the Intergovernmental Agreement and the remainder will be funded from the EMA Equipment line item. He then recommended to amend the Motion to purchase the 2 drones on the condition that \$8,500.00 is received from the City of Salem. Dr. Mike Douglas agreed and made the Amended Motion to purchase the 2 drones on the condition that \$8,500.00 is received from the City of Salem and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp began by making a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-32: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-073-985 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and Resolution 2026-33: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-074-015 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 2 nays (Josh Dunahee and Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Lastly, the FY 2025 Audit is progressing well, and the final report is anticipated to be completed in the near future.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

Budget Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour began by addressing Ordinance 2026-03: Budget Appropriation for Lease/Purchase Autos. The Ordinance had set for the required 15 days with no comments or concerns. Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-03. Sharon Woodward made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, the Letter of Agreement with Bellwether was briefly reviewed. Committee Chairman Mr. Whritenour entertained a Motion to approve the Bellwether Agreement in the amount of \$12,000.00 for their FY 2027 Budget services. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Marion County Board and Insurance Committee Member Adam Smith requested to address the Insurance Committee at the conclusion of the reports due to the Closed Session. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour concurred.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray was absent; therefore, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed Ordinance 2026-04: Regarding Animal Control. A typo had been revealed in Ordinance 2026-01: Marion County Animal Control Ordinance & Fee Schedule regarding the length of the tether in Section 17 (C)(3). A brief discussion occurred. Debbie Smith made a Motion to insert the length of the tether to be at least “ten (10)” feet long in Ordinance 2026-04 and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEB REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed addressed the Complete Technology Solutions (CTS) Phone system proposal for Marion County. Mrs. Reed conveyed that a “Special Addendum” had been entered by Marion County State’s Attorney Tim Hudspeth, and CTS accepted it. David Iossi made a Motion to approve the CTS Lease Agreement and was seconded by Judy Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes (Dr. Mike Douglas stepped out of the room) – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Next, Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour shared information regarding the XT Solutions Firewall Estimate. A brief discussion transpired. Adam Smith made a Motion to approve the purchase of the Firewall replacement (\$19,339.26) and was seconded by Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. This item will be funded by the Contingency Fund.

Prior to the Road & Bridge Committee's report, Chairman Mr. Whritenour relayed that he has asked JT Tomlianovich from XT Solutions to attend the FY 2027 Budget Committee Meeting in August, 2026 to address any future major purchases.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Adam Smith began by opening the floor to Highway Engineer Alex Kreke. Engineer Kreke provided a brief description of the updated Culvert and Snow Removal Policies. The policies will be posted on the Marion County website (marioncountyl.gov).

Next, Engineer Kreke conveyed repairs to Hoot Chapel Road have begun and will continue weather permitting. The equipment had been sold at the auction earlier in the day, and will have the totals at the next Committee Meeting in July, 2026.

Following, Engineer Kreke announced the details with respect to Resolution 2026-34: Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded PE/ROW. This involves the Skillet Fork Bridge project.

Josh Dunahee made a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-34 and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Liquor Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that Omega General had renewed their Liquor License.

Prior to continuing with the Insurance Committee, Board Member Sharon Woodward requested to clarify a misunderstanding with the General Public regarding the Marion County Board Members' Real Estate Taxes. She emphasized that Board Members do not receive a Tax reduction for being on the Board.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi began by addressing the Zelis ACH Authorization Form for the Mutual Medical Plan. A brief discussion occurred. Debbie Smith made a Motion to approve the Zelis ACH Authorization Form and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss Employee Health Insurance Invoice. Chris Krupp made the Motion and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Insurance Committee – Continued:

Closed Session began at 7:33 P.M.

Chris Krupp made a Motion to come out of Closed Session and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Came out of Closed Session at 7:53 P.M.

Chris Krupp made the Motion to open Open Session and was seconded by Adam Smith. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Immediately following, Chris Krupp made a Motion to reimburse the Marion County Employee \$3,585.51 for Medical invoices and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 5 nays (Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, and Judith Meeks-Hakim). Motion passed.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour entertained a made a Motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Josh Dunahee. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:56 P.M.

Approved: _____ ✓

Date: 7/28/26



Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk