

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, 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 Wayne Walker.

Roll Call taken by Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary. Present were Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Jack Riley, Deborah Reed, Josh Dunahee, Timothy McCance, Steven Whritenour, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Brock Waggoner, Michael Douglas, Cody Rose, and Debbie Smith (arrived late).

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sheri Barter, Marion Animal Control Administrator Ken Ferguson, and Bruce Kropp, WJBD.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour introduced Ryan Welch, Complete Technology Solutions (CTS) Sales Manager. Mr. Whritenour briefly explained that their phone service coverage includes all of the Countywide buildings. The contract with this company is up for renewal in October, 2026. Mr. Welch presented detailed information regarding the current contract and stated that a software upgrade will be taking place in the fall of 2025. He shared that an early renewal agreement will need to be signed prior to this for CTS services to continue. Questions from Board Members were addressed. Mr. Whritenour requested more written information regarding their services for the County. Ryan Welch was commended for his presentation.

Jared Rowcliffe, Region 9 ESDA Staff Development Specialist and Liaison was unable to attend this evening's meeting. They will be attending the Full Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Iossi made a Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2025 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox was absent.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour presented the Illinois Department of Revenue 2025 figures.

| | 2025 | 2024 |
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| ¾% | \$102,661.57 | \$90,975.31 |
| 1% | \$49,925.85 | \$34,490.92 |

Appointments:

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that a letter was received from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller regarding the reappointment of Gerald Hunter to the Marion County Farmland Assessment Committee for an additional 2-year term. His current term expires on May 31, 2025. Jack Riley made a Motion to reappoint Gerald Hunter and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour conveyed that a letter was received from Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller regarding the reappointment of David Uchitjil to the Marion County Farmland Assessment Committee for an additional 2-year term. His current term expires on May 31, 2025. Sharon Woodward made a Motion to reappoint David Uchitjil and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp addressed the Resolutions on the Agenda. She stated that the amount of money that Marion County will receive from the Resolutions is \$1,200.00. Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2025-37 thru 2025-40 was made by Chris Krupp and seconded by Deb Reed. Voice Vote: 10 ayes – 1 nay (Josh Dunahee). Motion passed.

Next, Board Chairman Steve Whritenour addressed Resolution 2025-42 and explained that the adjusted amounts are mandated by the State. Chris Krupp made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-42: Resolution Adopting Cost of Living Adjustment for Marion County State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Regarding the items under Old Business, Committee Chairman Chris Krupp reported that the County has again been placed on the Stop Pay List due to the incompleteness of the FY 2023 Audit. He stated that WIPFLI is anticipating that it should be completed by the end of July, 2025 and will then proceed with the FY 2024 Audit.

Finance Committee – Continued:

Lastly, Mr. Krupp relayed that he had spoken with Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth regarding the change in the amount referenced in the County Procurement Process Ordinance. After this discussion, it was determined to leave the amount at \$30,000.00. This will be included on the July 22, 2025 Full Board Meeting Agenda for approval.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN BROCK WAGGONER:

Budget Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, no report was given.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi announced that the damaged fence at the Marion County Highway Department will be repaired by the Department's staff. It will not be filed as an insurance claim.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRWOMAN DEBORAH REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by addressing the Marion County Employee Parking Lot. The Full Board Meeting Packet included the Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. correspondence and invoice and was discussed. Road & Bridge Committee Chairman and Board Member Adam Smith provided information that had been previously discussed. Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke voiced his concerns. A discussion transpired regarding placing rock on the area. Mr. Whritenour asked Mr. Kreke to get the measurements of the lot and an estimate of the cost of rock and present this data to the Board. Chris Krupp conveyed information with respect to applying for a Grant for this project.

Following, Deb Reed made a motion to pay the Environmental Audits & Consultants, LLC invoice (\$11,550.02) out of the General Fund Contingency and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, the items under Old Business were addressed. Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to present information regarding the stripping and resurfacing of the Courthouse floors. He conveyed that he had observed the floors at the Clay County Courthouse and was very impressed with their appearance. He had directed Dave Daniels, Maintenance Personnel for the Marion County Courthouse to contact Art Borries, who is in charge of the maintenance of the flooring in Clay County. Sheriff Cripps had previously presented the initial cost of \$9,990.00 and a yearly maintenance fee of approximately \$6,000.00 to the Building & Historical Committee. He stated that monies are available to cover the cost and in his opinion it is a project that needs to be taken care of. In addition, he conveyed that he understands that the amount is under the amount for the Board's approval, but has requested their input. A brief discussion occurred. Board members Josh Dunahee and Tim McCance voiced their concerns with utilizing funds in this year's Budget. Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Reed proposed to discuss it further in a Committee Meeting in July, 2025 with the project list.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

The next subject explained was the reimbursement for the sidewalk replacement. Mrs. Reed conveyed that the County has shown proof to the City of Salem of its payment to Shores Builders. After review with the City's accounts receivable department, it is anticipated that a check to Marion County will be received in the near future.

Lastly, the topic of the Generator and UPS Project was reviewed. Mrs. Reed stated that the UPS unit has been delivered and is in the computer room. She conveyed that Tom Paulsen from TOP Electric is very pleased with the room and its temperature. He is continuing with running the dedicated lines, but had relayed to Mrs. Reed that "two of Office Holders are wanting to change the scope of what he had quoted on." Mr. Paulsen will present the proposed amount of the addition to Deb Reed in the near future. A positive aspect was communicated. Marion County Circuit Clerk Tiffany Schicker has made a payment to TOP Electric for the amount of \$540.13 with her monies remaining from her grant for other items included for her. The balance of \$87,800.00 will be taken from the County's loan. The generator is anticipated to be delivered at the end of summer, and the loan for this project will close at the end of September, 2025.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by allowing Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Board. Sheriff Cripps stated that his Department has handled 1,674 calls from May 24, 2025 to June 24, 2025 (average 56 calls per day). They have conducted 47 Prisoner transports and 112 inmates were booked into the Marion County Jail. During this time 5,324 meals were prepared and served at an average cost of \$2.63 each. As of today, the Jail is housing a total of 72 inmates of which 37 are Federals and 2 Juveniles are in custody (1 housed in St. Clair County and 1 in Galesburg). He stated that he anticipates that by the end of the year revenue generated for Federal Inmate Housing will exceed the Budgeted amount for FY 2025. He discussed the issues that are occurring with Juvenile's that need to be detained.

Board Chairman Steve Whritenour asked Sheriff Cripps to explain the Sheriff Department's role when dealing with ICE when they are in the area. Sheriff Cripps emphasized that they are not allowed to provide assistance to detain an individual due to the regulations set by the State of Illinois. Mr. Whritenour proceeded to communicate clarity of the events that occurred when ICE was in Centralia during the last week. He accentuated that they were looking for one specific individual with an extensive criminal history. He stated that no factories or restaurants were closed during this time. Lastly, Sheriff Cripps highlighted that Local and County Law Enforcement agencies can only assist if the individual has a criminal warrant and not a detainer.

After questioning from Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward regarding the remodeling at the Sheriff's Department, Sheriff Cripps reported that it is nearly completed. They are waiting on a couple of cabinets and a counter top to be delivered and then installed. He invited everyone to visit his facility.

Next, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell was absent; therefore, he provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting packet (see attachment).

Law Enforcement Committee -- Continued:

Following, Marion County ESDA Coordinator Sherri Barter distributed a handout for the Board to review with regards to her position as being full-time. She is continuing to dispute that she is a part-time employee of the County. She then shared that her System for Award Management (SAM) number has expired. She had contacted Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell for assistance to renew the number, but he was not able to help. She relayed that in her opinion, as Treasurer, he was in charge of this item. She remains unsure how to proceed with this matter. Next, she conveyed that 4 of the ESDA vehicles are having issues and expressed her concerns with the expense of the repairs. After questioning from Board Member Adam Smith, she was directed to contact South Central Transit (SCT) for any future repairs. Board Chairman Steve Whritenour concurred. She reiterated that Jared Rowcliffe, Staff Development Specialist and his liaison, Director for Region 9 will be attending the Full Board Meeting on July 22, 2025.

Prior to continuing with the County & Community Committee's report, Chairman Mr. Whritenour stated that he had sent Mrs. Barter a text which provided a list of companies that will help her renew her SAM number. He also contacted Mr. Purcell via text regarding this matter.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by asking Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator if he had anything to discuss with the Board. He announced that he did not.

Mr. Murray continued by conveying that Animal Control is still utilizing The Barking Lot. There are presently 5-6 dogs that are being housed there.

Under Old Business, there was nothing new to discuss with respect to the Countywide Directory.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, nothing new was reported.

Sub-Committee Broadband:

Nothing new to report.

Prior to the Road & Bridge Committee's report, Mr. Ferguson inquired if any information had been received regarding the John Deere Financial application. County Board Secretary Lori Linder stated she has not received any correspondence since the second application was submitted.

Following, Mr. Murray reiterated that options for permanent housing for Marion County Animal Control are still being investigated. Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour is to meet with the City Manager of Salem in the near future to discuss this issue. In addition, he mentioned that there are 7 proposed possibilities that are being considered.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CO-CHAIRMEN: ADAM SMITH & TIMOTHY MCCANCE

Road & Bridge Committee Co-Chairman Adam Smith began by allowing Marion County Highway Engineer Alex Kreke to present his report. Mr. Kreke had previously provided a written report and this was included in the Full Board Meeting packet (see attachment). He reported that the County has done several culverts replacements and installations and road grater patches. He has implemented precautions with his staff and the heat. The oiling of roads will begin soon and the public will be notified of the locations prior to this occurring.

Next, Mr. Kreke addressed the Resolutions listed on the Agenda and presented a brief description of each. Questions from Board Members Josh Dunahee and Co-Committee Chairman Tim McCance were responded to during a brief discussion.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-34: Removal of Marion County Highway Department Equipment and was seconded by Chris Krupp. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2025-41: Purchase of 2 Freightliner M2 Cummins with Snow Plows and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Co-Chairman Adam Smith relayed that the Capital Improvement Plan for Marion County Highway Department facility and equipment is ongoing. Engineer Mr. Kreke is awaiting an estimate for the roof replacement at the Department's facility and will present it in the future. Board Member Debbie Smith suggested a rubber roof and a discussion transpired.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

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

LIQUOR LICENSE COMMITTEE – STEVE WHRITENOUR

Marion County Board Chairman Steve Whritenour stated that there were no renewals of Liquor License.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that the CommanderOne systems were installed by Braniff Communications approximately 1 ½ weeks ago. They have been tested and are working appropriately.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next Meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. at the Community Resource Center in Centralia.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Dr. Mike Douglas was absent; therefore, no report was given.

Reports from Special Committees – Continued:

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith stated that she attended their meeting earlier in the evening. She stated that she will have handouts at the next Full Board Meeting.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representatives Judith Meeks-Hakim stated that the next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. at the Chamber of Commerce in Centalla.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representatives Deb Reed and WIB CEO Debbie Smith were unable to attend the last meeting. The next meeting will take place in September, 2025. Mrs. Reed will be providing Board Chairman Mr. Whritenour information regarding a replacement for her seat on the WIB Board.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that there have not been any recent Meetings, and is unsure when the next meeting is to be conducted.

BCMWW

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that he was unable to attend the last meeting. A Special Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Nothing further to come before the Board, Judith Meeks-Hakim made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 8:11 P.M.

Approved: _____

Date: _____



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

Monthly Audit

May 2025

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| Total number of deaths | <u>38</u> |
| Coroner Cases | <u>36</u> |
| Medical Cases | <u>2</u> |
| Autopsies | <u>2</u> |
| Cremations | <u>20</u> |
| Donations | <u>0</u> |

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| Natural Deaths | <u>34</u> |
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| Cancer | <u>6</u> |
| Other | <u>28</u> |

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| Accidental Deaths | <u>1</u> |
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| Traffic | <u>0</u> | (DUI Related) | <u>0</u> |
| Occupational | <u>0</u> | | |
| Drugs | <u>0</u> | | |
| Other | <u>1-fell</u> | | |

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| Suicides | <u>1</u> |
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| Hanging | <u>0</u> |
| Firearm | <u>1</u> |
| Drugs | <u>0</u> |
| Other | <u>0</u> |

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| Homicides | <u>0</u> |
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| Firearm | <u>0</u> |
| Drug Induced | <u>0</u> |
| Other | <u>0</u> |

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| Undetermined | <u>0</u> |
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| Pending | <u>2Haas, McElroy</u> | <u>38</u> |
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Items of Discussion:

Road & Bridge Meeting 6/9/2025

COV

House Keeping Items

- Internet Provider
 - Currently Spectrum
 - 89mgbs
 - Cost \$160.00
 - Issues with WIFI
- Proposed switch to Wabash
 - Estimate of 200mgbs
 - Cost \$127.00
 - Local in town
 - Money in our line item to cover the rest of the year

Equipment List

- Resolution #2025-34 Equipment monies received would be returned into Equipment Purchase Line Item
 - Soil Stabilizer Raygo Gator, #08-A-0187
 - Soil Stabilizer Raygo Gator, #08-A-0278
 - Snow Plow V Grader Mounter Balderson, BV11, 7861 #6638
 - Snow Plow V Grader Mounter Balderson, BV11, 7831, #6639
 - Pneumatic Roller Cat PS 130, 7ND00124, 77HP
 - Grader, Motor 28,000 Cat #140G, 1991

Building

- Insurance claim for flood damaged fence
- Exploring options for repairs
 - Looking for estimates
- Future Building
 - To be discussed in the future