

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Basement of Sheriff's Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Guests: Bill Smith, Brad Hester, Marion County Farm Bureau Vice President, Steve Brummel, Marion County Farm Bureau President, Brad Conant, Marion and Clinton County Farm Bureau Certified Manager, Kevin Cripps, Marion County Sheriff, Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, Dennis Rosenberger, Wayne S. Walker, Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA, Stacey Arenas Marion County 911, Claude Howell, and Bruce Kropp.

Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chairwoman, welcomed the Marion County Farm Bureau Board Members. They presented a plaque to the Marion County Board Members to show their gratitude for Board's support of agriculture within the County.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, stated that the First Distribution of Property taxes had taken place today, Tuesday, August 22, 2023. He stated that the amount of a little more than \$24 million was distributed to 105 taxing districts. The next installment payment is due September 27, 2023.

Next, Chairwoman Debbie Smith reviewed Resolution 2020-32: Marion County Board to Include Procedures for Public Speaking at Regular County Board Meetings which was distributed prior to the start of the meeting. She reiterated that Marion County Board Members have access to any information regarding the County from the Elected Officials at any time and do not have to FOIA. They may contact the Officials and work together to gather the data.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk, Steve Fox presented the Illinois Department of Revenue figures.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
¼%	\$92,915.55	\$86,990.72
1%	\$40,043.59	\$35,824.40

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairwoman Debbie Smith gave an explanation of the omission of page two of the Meeting Minutes that were distributed in the packet Friday, August 18, 2023. This page was reissued on August 20, 2023 with a complete copy of the minutes. Prior to the reissuance, Brock Waggoner forwarded information which he felt that needed to be included. A copy was given to each Board Member to review. These details were addressed on page two of the entire minutes.

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes held on August 8, 2023 and to include Brock Waggoner's correspondence was made by Jack Riley and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCIAL & INSURANCE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp began with making a Motion to approve Resolution 2023-40: Permanent Parcel 10-36-104-006 – Acceptance of full payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property and request for surrender of the tax sale certificate. The County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued by relaying that the Budget process began Thursday, August 17, 2023, and a Draft Proposal was received that same day. He scheduled a Finance and Insurance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Lastly, an Audit Conference Call with WIPFLI is scheduled Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL: CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL

Chairman Creighton Engel began with making a Motion to approve Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees' Meeting Minutes dated August 3, 2023 and seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Engel stated that he had met with Sheriff Kevin Cripps to inspect the work being completed by Ameresco. They began at the Marion County Public Service Building. A few outlets were discovered to not have power to them and the downstairs restroom floors are not done satisfactory. These issues were addressed with Ameresco today.

Dr. Engel also had a conversation with Gary Purcell, Marion County Treasurer, in regards to the woman's downstairs restroom in the Courthouse. Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, shared concerns from female employees with the entrance doorway to this room. Dr. Engel responded that he will confront Ameresco to determine a solution with resolving this issue.

The ongoing matters with the Employee Parking Lot were addressed by Mr. Miller. He announced that the area was never signed over to Marion County. Chairwoman Debbie Smith signed the paperwork and it was returned to Mike McCormick, Marion County Highway Department Engineer, and forwarded to the EPA. Following completion of task any expenses incurred with this engineering firm will be 100% reimbursed to the County. This includes the boring, any engineering fees, and studies.

Building & Historical Committee Continued

In addition, he communicated that a contract with Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. was discussed with Mrs. Smith. She desired Board approval even though it is 100% reimbursable because monies are being spent. Consultant, Brent Hunter, is very knowledgeable and familiar with the area of discussion. Mr. Miller comprehends from conversations with Mr. McCormick that remediation has previously been done. After the final studies are sent to EPA, there should not be any concerns with breaking up concrete or anything on the lot. Resurfacing with either concrete or asphalt can be completed. Mr. Miller proposed to approve the hiring of Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. as soon as possible. After receiving their clearance reports, he recommended to start obtaining bids.

Motion to approve the contract with Environmental Audits & Consultants, Inc. contingent of the States Attorney's approval was made by Steven Bradley and seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff, Kevin Cripps continued with his updates and reports. In reference to the Courthouse Handicap Entrance Doors, the glass has arrived, and Shores Builders are planning to start on this project next week. Next, the Sally Port remodel has had a few issues. There is a window in that area that has been installed upside down and is being addressed. While correcting this issue the brick laying company will put the entrance door in place also. Lastly, the locks for the new doors in this area are in process. He expressed that after addressing these matters in the Sally Port, the remodel should be completed and will be very beneficial for himself and his officers.

Sheriff Cripps communicated that the third floor restrooms' floors are in the process of being re-installed. They are to be a lot smoother and easier to clean.

In addition, the parking lots at the Marion County Sheriff's Department have been resurfaced and restriped. He also stated that he has relocated the Deputy's parking spaces to the lot across from the front parking lot. This will open up six parking spots in front of the building.

There was no new information in regards to the security cameras at the Marion County Public Service Building. Sheriff Cripps continued by stating that the old water leak/sump pump issue in the building has been resolved. Lastly, the matters with the odor are being addressed and the stench has nearly been eliminated. Placing an extension pipe to the ventilation will be done in the near future.

Furthermore, Sheriff Cripps conveyed that the Security Desk at the entrance to the Courthouse has been moved to the other side. He will be obtaining estimates for a desk that will match the woodwork of the Courthouse.

Committee Chairman Dr. Engel addressed Ordinance 2023-04: Capital Expenditure Ameresco (\$523,483.76) which was tabled from the Full Board Meeting on August 8, 2023. This again was tabled until the next Full Board Meeting on September 12, 2023.

Mark Miller, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments, proceeded with information on the renovation of the Meeting Room in the Courthouse. He distributed details and quotes on finalizing the project. After his discussion, Steven Whritenour made a motion to accept the quote of under \$7,000.00 for the completion and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Chairwoman Debbie Smith relayed that the new Boardroom tables came in. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Chairman Steven Whritenour gave the floor to Sheriff Kevin Cripps.

Sheriff Cripps began with the Marion County Jail report: 74 inmates of which 16 Federal and 1 Juvenile. He proceeded with stating that he had signed a contract with Eastern Missouri this morning. The prisoner transports will remain at the same location, the Mid-American Airport, and will be transporting the Federal prisoners to the city of St. Louis. Two Federal prisoners are scheduled for tomorrow. This will help maintain the \$600,000.00 income for the Marion County Sheriff Department by housing the minimum of twenty-five prisoners. Marion County is paid \$65.00 a day for every Federal Inmate in custody and \$25.00 per hour for the officers doing the transport. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith commended Sheriff Cripps for his research and positive results with revenue for the County.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

Due to Committee Chairman Bill Henson's absence, there was not a report.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Due to Sub-Committee Chairman Brock Waggoner's absence, there was not a report.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN BRADLEY

Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was no new business to bring before the Board.

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour began by making a motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 8, 2023 and seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Prior to continuing to the next Committee's report, Adam Smith stated that he had been approached and questioned why Salem ESDA was not at the Centralia Balloon fest. Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator responded by stating she had left a few messages, and unfortunately, she did not have people available.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Committee Chairman Adam Smith began by disclosing that a closed Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Meeting had taken place on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. The topic of discussion was to bring the Marion County Board Secretary's position from part time to full time contingent to the 2024 Budget. Christopher Krupp relayed that it was discussed at the Budget Meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023 also and placed in the budget. Mr. Smith relayed that the reasoning behind having a full time secretary is that there is a large amount of work to be done. The website, meeting minutes including the Committee Meeting minutes, and especially the codification project does and will take a lot of time. Chairwoman Mrs. Smith expressed that moving to full time will not be much of a burden on the budget.

In conclusion, Mr. Smith added that another Closed Committee Meeting occurred on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 in reference to the Marion County Highway Department's Laborer's Contract, which is still ongoing.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that the Committee is continuing to reach out to the Marion County Townships and Communities for their support for Broadband. Mr. Krupp has been in contact Marshall Brown, who works in US Congressman Mike Bost's office, in regards to grant information. Additional updates will be forwarded to Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary, for distribution to the Committee Members.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN ADAM SMITH

Chairman Adam Smith began by stating that the banner may be displayed in the Little Egypt Parade in Salem. In addition, a presentation at the Daffy-Dill Garden Club meeting in September will be taking place. Mark Decker will be the speaker and the topic of discussion will be William Jennings Bryan. Mr. Smith will provide further details of this appearance in the near future.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that a meeting took place last Wednesday, August 16, 2023. He conveyed that 911 received the \$250,000.00 grant monies approximately three days after the last Full Board Meeting.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson was absent, therefore no report.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel relayed that the next meeting will be in September, 2023.

SCIRPD

Marion County Board Representative Debbie Smith relayed that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023. She and Gary Purcell will be in attendance at that evening.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour relayed that a meeting occurred this morning. He and Judith Meeks-Hakim (via telephone) were in attendance. He conveyed that the Audit was completed for 2022.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deborah Reed relayed that the next meeting is scheduled in September, 2023.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

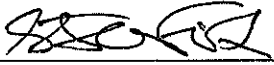
Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith relayed that the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled in November, 2023.

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

Time: 8:03 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 9/12/23



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

