

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Room 301

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Debbie Smith, County Board Chairwoman, leading Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Prior to the invocation, Chairwoman Debbie Smith asked to keep Marion County Board Member Creighton Engel and his family in everyone's prayers. 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, Bill Henson, Tyson McHenry, Steven Whritenour, Steven Bradley, Christopher Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Brock Waggoner, Creighton Engel, and Judith Meeks-Hakim.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guest Steven Dunahee voiced his concerns with respect to the \$900,000.00 loan that was approved at the Full Board Meeting conducted on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. He stated that information with regards to the increase of the loan was not made available. In addition, Mr. Dunahee expressed apprehension of purchasing a generator for the Marion County Courthouse. Lastly, he addressed his concern with the amount and the duration of the payments for that large of a loan.

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell conveyed that the first distribution of the Property Taxes occurred.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller communicated his displeasure with the conduct of Marion County Board Member, Brock Waggoner at his presentation titled "The Property Tax Cycle." He conveyed that he had sent notification prior to the session that filming would not be allowed. Mr. Waggoner refused to obey this request; therefore, Mr. Miller continued with a question and answer discussion only. He stated that in his opinion that it was very successful. He expressed appreciation to everyone that attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 13, 2024 was made by Steven Bradley with a second by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

Marion County Clerk Steve Fox stated that there was nothing new to report.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting Minutes dated August 7, 2024. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Krupp conveyed that a Closed Combined Finance & Insurance and Personnel/Labor Committees Meeting was conducted on August 21, 2024. The FOP Contract negotiations were discussed and are ongoing. In addition, a Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting (FY 2025) was held on Monday, August 26, 2024. Supplemental Committee Meetings will be scheduled in the near future.

A copy of Ordinance 2024-03: Authorizing Debbie Smith, Marion County Board Chair to sign all documents requested by Peoples National Bank for the \$900,000.00 loan approved at the Marion County Board Meeting held August 13, 2024 was distributed prior to the Full Board Meeting. A brief discussion regarding the \$900,000.00 loan with People's National Bank transpired. Prior to the Motion being made, Mr. Krupp shared information and clarification with regards to the amount of the loan. The cost of the windows for the Marion County Courthouse is approximately \$403,000.00, and the windows at the Public Service Building is approximately \$75,000.00. The estimated costs for the Electrical Backup and Generator at the Courthouse had 2 estimated amounts of \$175,000.00 for a smaller version and \$275,000.00 for the larger. A brief explanation of the importance for the Electrical Backup and Generator transpired. Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03 was made by Christopher Krupp and seconded by Deborah Reed. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, Tyson McHenry questioned how it would be paid. Mr. Krupp conveyed that it would have to be budgeted. In addition, a discussion amongst Board Members transpired regarding the Levy for FY 2024 and FY 2025 and future budgeted monies. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

In conclusion, the FY 2022 Audit is nearing completion.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Committee Chairman Creighton Engel was absent. Committee member Deborah Reed conveyed the Committee's report.

Mrs. Reed shared information regarding the asbestos analysis of the windows in the Marion County Courthouse. Information was included in the packet showing that no asbestos was present. A previous analysis was conducted regarding the Marion County Public Service Building windows and also showed no asbestos found.

Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller stated that the process for the window projects for the Marion County Courthouse and the Public Service Building has begun. The installation may possibly launch in November or December, 2024. Sheriff Kevin Cripps reiterated the necessity to coordinate dates with the Court system and Office Holders in the Marion County Courthouse.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour allowed Sheriff Kevin Cripps to address the Full Board Members. Sheriff Cripps had previously given his monthly report but, he reiterated that his Officers had responded to approximately 740 calls and meal cost was \$1.75 per plate. He then stated that there were currently 66 inmates being housed at the Marion County Jail with 36 of them being Federal, 4 Clay County inmates, and 1 Juvenile in custody.

Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator presented a brief update regarding her agency. She replicated her report with regards to their work with the Marion County Fair Board and the Marion County Fair. The ESDA Agency will be working at the Patoka and Kinmundy Festivals during the upcoming Labor Day weekend, then the following weekend they will assist at the Antique Power Days in Salem. In addition, Mrs. Barter stated that the coonhunters will be returning on September 15, 2024 and ESDA will be involved with this event. Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour commended her and her Agency, along with the Marion County Sheriff's Office for their work at the Centralia Balloon Fest.

Next, Sheriff Cripps conveyed that Forbes State Park is undergoing renovations and portions of the park will be closed after Labor Day weekend. Lastly, he stated that the School Resource Officer at Patoka and South Central Schools is doing well and is receiving positive results from the staff.

In conclusion, Mrs. Barter presented a brief explanation of Resolution 2024-37: A Resolution Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental Service Agreement. A motion to approve Resolution 2024-37 was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Steven Bradley. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson stated that a Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this evening's Full Board Meeting. He shared information with respect to a few of the items that were discussed. He conveyed that an additional Committee Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. Prior to this, Mr. Henson and Marion County Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith have a meeting scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. with Kory Smith, City Manager of Centralia. The topic of discussion will be the Marion County Animal Control and the City of Centralia contract regarding the animal shelter.

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth said that he had been approached by a citizen of Marion County. This person commended Ken Ferguson, Marion County Control Administrator and for his work with a lost and fostering cat case.

Lastly, Mr. Henson conveyed that a County & Community Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 201 South Pleasant Avenue in Centralia, Illinois referencing a new Polling Location. An Agenda will be issued and posted in the near future.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner was absent; therefore, no report was given.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley stated that there was a request for approval of 3 Resolutions.

Marion Board Chairwoman Debbie Smith allowed Adam Smith, Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman to provide an explanation of each Resolution prior to a motion being made.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-34: Resolution Requesting Consent to the Appointment of an Acting County Engineer and seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-35: Resolution for Marilea Snow, Interim Marion County Highway Engineer, to receive an additional \$1000 per pay period for compensation until a permanent Highway Engineer is appointed and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

Adam Smith made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-36: Resolution to contract Michael McCormick as a consultant for Marion County Highway Department at an hourly rate of \$60.00 per hour plus mileage if applicable beginning September 1, 2024 and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Board Member Bill Henson questioned the duration of Michael McCormick's position. Mr. McCormick responded that he has up to six months to fill this roll, but that in his opinion is that he will not be needed that long. In addition, Mr. McCormick presented a brief description of the job qualifications for the Marion County Highway Department Engineer. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 Nay (Tyson McHenry). Motion passed.

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Steven Bradley along with the Full Board Members commended Michael McCormick for everything that he has done for Marion County during his time as Marion County Highway Department Engineer (12 years).

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated Tuesday, August 13, 2024; a quorum was not met and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next, Mr. Whritenour conveyed that a 911/ESDA Committee Meeting was conducted prior to this Full Board Meeting. The Federal Signal quote of \$27,479.00 for the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control with a future annual fee of \$2,455.00 was discussed and approved to bring before the Full Board for approval. Mr. Whritenour conveyed that after speaking with Sheriff Kevin Cripps regarding the payment, an agreement that the payment can be made from the Safety Tax Fund. A request to the Marion County Municipalities for their contribution to the annual fee will be issued. Steven Whritenour made a Motion to approve the Federal Signal quote for the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control (\$27,479.00) with payment from the Safety Tax Fund and seconded by Bill Henson. Prior to a Roll Call Vote, Committee Member Bill Henson reiterated the importance of this system. 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 a Closed Combined Personnel/Labor Relations and Finance & Insurance Committees Meeting was conducted on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. regarding the FOP Labor Contract. Negotiations are ongoing.

BROADBAND COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN: DEBORAH REED

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

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE:

Full Board Committee Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there was nothing new to report.

LIQUOR COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEBBIE SMITH:

Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated that there were not any renewals of the license during the month.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

911

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that there was nothing new to report.

708 MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Marion County Board Representative Bill Henson stated that a meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2024. Additionally, he communicated that new members are needed.

MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Marion County Board Representative Creighton Engel was absent, therefore no report was given.

SCIRPD

Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell stated that there was a meeting scheduled this evening. He continued by conveying that a new meeting schedule was approved last week.

MARION COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Marion County Board Representative Steven Whritenour stated that renewal of the Manual Contract was made.

WIB (WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD)

Marion County Board Representative Deb Reed stated that there will be a meeting in September.

ENTERPRISE ZONE

Marion County Board Representatives Christopher Krupp stated that a meeting was conducted on August 8, 2024 regarding Solar Farms.

BCMw

Marion County Board Representative Adam Smith stated that a meeting was held last Monday. They are still operating with a skeleton staff. He commended that new director.

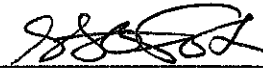
Nothing further to come before the Board, Steven Whritenour made a motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem and second by Tyson McHenry. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:35 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 9/10/24



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

