

MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 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.

Invocation presented by Wayne Walker.

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

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Marion County State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth informed the Full Board members and the Public that issues have been raised with respect to Juvenile Detention of where and who gets detained. He stated that this not an issue that the local Police Department, the Sheriff's Office, the State's Attorney's Office, or even the Probation Department decides. It falls under a policy with the State of Illinois. He conveyed that the Juvenile Facilities are becoming more full, especially with the closing of the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center. Attorney Hudspeth and Sheriff Kevin Cripps will be having more discussions regarding this complication in the near future.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated August 27, 2024 made by David Iossi with second by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: All ayes – 0 nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY CLERK STEVE FOX CORRESPONDENCE

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

Illinois Department of Revenue:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
¾%	\$84,944.70	\$90,304.39
1%	\$34,570.67	\$37,862.27

County Clerk Steve Fox Correspondence – Continued:

Mr. Fox continued by conveying that correspondence from Marion County Housing Authority has been received requesting the reappointment of Marva Bledsoe as the Marion County Housing Board Commissioner, whose term will expire on September 24, 2024. A motion to reappoint Marva Bledsoe for a term of September 24, 2024 through September 24, 2029 was made by Steven Whritenour and seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP

Finance & Insurance Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp conveyed that a Combined Committee Meeting with the Building & Historical Committee was conducted on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. The subject of the meeting was the Elected Officials Priority List. Additional meetings will be scheduled and then more information will be brought before the Full Board.

Approval of Bills

General: \$100,271.13 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and seconded by Steven Bradley. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Insurance: \$27,231.07 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Judicial: \$372,433.61 Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Steven Bradley. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner once again questioned the total. Committee Chairman reiterated that the IMRF is totaled separately on the report. Marion County Chairwoman stated "So noted." Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Next, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve the Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes (Budget FY 2025) dated Monday, August 26, 2026 and was seconded by Deborah Reed. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Mr. Krupp continued by conveying that a Closed Combined Finance & Insurance and Personnel/Labor Relations Committees Meeting was conducted on Monday, September 9, 2024.

New business was then discussed, starting with Ordinance 2024-04: Authorizing an Installment Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Certain Capital Projects of the County and Authorizing the Issuance of Debt Certificates in the Amount not to Exceed \$900,000.00. Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-04 and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to Roll Call Vote, Brock Waggoner voiced his dilemmas with the Ordinance. For example, he felt that it was pertaining to a "Slush Fund" and not having specifics for its expenditures. He also expressed his concerns with regards to how are the payments going to be made. Mr. Waggoner followed by discussing his apprehensiveness with utilizing XT Solutions technical support appropriately. He focused on not having Excel and his conflict with Chairwoman Mrs. Smith regarding not having the ability to do the spreadsheet for the Codification Project. An additional disagreement transpired between

Chairwoman Debbie Smith and Brock Waggoner with Mrs. Smith stating "So noted" and "Out of Order" several times and Mr. Waggoner continuing to speak. He relayed that he feels that the Board "is not doing things in proper order" and "needs to make a change." Chairwoman Debbie Smith attempted to proceed with the meeting. Mr. Waggoner continued and stated "Point of Order" with Mrs. Smith replying with "So Noted." Mrs. Smith requested a Motion to Move On. Sharon Woodward made that motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Mr. Waggoner interrupted and asked what they are moving on from and continued to speak. Mrs. Smith reiterated that Mr. Waggoner had missed the 2 meetings prior where the Board had approved the loan and that this was the final paperwork for the process. Debate if the motion was "to close discussion or to move on" occurred. Roll Call Vote was taken to move on. 7 ayes – 5 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, Jack Riley, Bill Henson, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed. Bill Henson had questions prior to his vote and were clarified by Christopher Krupp. Steven Whritenour also had questions and stated that he wanted more discussion regarding the Ordinance. Following the Roll Call Vote, Mr. Waggoner insisted that the Board proceed with the request for approval of Ordinance 2024-04: Authorizing an Installment Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Paying the Costs of Certain Capital Projects of the County and Authorizing the issuance of Debt Certificates in the Amount not to Exceed \$900,000.00. Roll Call Vote: 9 ayes – 3 nays (Tracy Murray, Brock Waggoner, and Steven Whritenour). Motion passed. Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and State's Attorney Tim Hudspeth clarified that any wording can be put into a Resolution/Ordinance, and a brief discussion followed. People's National Bank prepared this specific Ordinance. Mr. Krupp stated that in the future he would like for the Resolutions/Ordinances for the County to indicate what the purpose of the monies is for to aid in preventing the confusion of a "Slush Fund."

Next, Christopher Krupp made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38: Permanent Parcel Number: 10-14-203-001 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and Resolution 2024-39: Permanent Parcel Number: 11-00-011-855 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive \$1179.88 with remaining monies distributed according to law and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed. Brock Waggoner again questioned if a Roll Call Vote was needed, and Marion County Clerk Steve Fox reiterated that it is not. Chairwoman Debbie Smith stated "So noted."

In conclusion, Committee Chairman Christopher Krupp and Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell reported that the FY 2022 Audit is still being processed. Brock Waggoner had questions regarding the time that it is taking to complete. Reconciliation of figures and more information are needed.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN CREIGHTON ENGEL:

Building & Historical Chairman Creighton Engel was absent and Acting Chairwoman Deborah Reed proceeded with the Committee's report.

Approval of Bills: \$43,209.72 Deborah Reed made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Acting Committee Chairwoman Deborah Reed stated that a Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting was conducted on September 4, 2024. A spreadsheet regarding the

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Elected Officials' Priority List that was presented and discussed at that meeting were provided in the Full Board Meeting Packet for this evening's meeting. Mrs. Reed explained that Lori Linder, Marion County Board Secretary will maintain the spreadsheet and any additions or comments can be conveyed to her. She will then present them to Mrs. Reed.

A Combined Finance & Insurance and Building & Historical Committees Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR

Approval of Bills: \$151,086.72 Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps clarified that this amount does include the purchase of a new SUV for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Steven Whritenour made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Marion County Sheriff Kevin Cripps presented his monthly report. He stated that the average costs per inmate's meal was \$2.31. Sheriff Cripps conveyed that today TOPS Electric & Lighting connected the refrigerators and freezers to the Electric Backup and Generator. It was discovered that they were not covered during the previous electrical storm outage, but no issues with the foods occurred at that time. The Jail currently has 54 inmates with 37 being Federal and 2 Juveniles currently.

Lastly, Law Enforcement Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that Sheri Barter, Marion County ESDA Coordinator contacted him and expressed that she would not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN BILL HENSON

County & Community Committee Chairman Bill Henson requested a Motion to approve the County & Community Committee Minutes dated August 27, 2024. Jack Riley made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Approval of Bills: \$33,779.05 Bill Henson made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Brock Waggoner). Motion passed.

Ken Ferguson, Marion County Animal Control Administrator, presented his monthly report. He conveyed that he picked up 15 dogs and 1 pig. In addition, he stated that he rounded up 11 goats and herded them back to their pen and chased raccoons. Mr. Henson reiterated that Mr. Ferguson will be having knee replacement surgery later this month. Additional discussion will be taking place with the Committee regarding his daughter filling in during this time.

Next, Committee Member Brock Waggoner was given the floor to present an explanation for the request for a new polling facility at the Trinity Lutheran Church Extension Building, 1417 East McCord Street, Centralia, Illinois. A meeting with no quorum was conducted on Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Committee Members Jack Riley and Brock Waggoner, along with Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder attended. Measurements and observations were recorded by Marion County Clerk Steve Fox, with the help from Marion County Clerk employee Rob Barton, on a polling place accessibility survey (included in the Full Board Meeting Packet). The building was found to be an appropriate polling

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facility. Brock Waggoner made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-40: Fixing and Establishing a Polling Place for Holding Elections and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Continuing, Chairman Bill Henson stated that an additional County & Community Committee Meeting was held prior to tonight's Full Board Meeting. He presented a brief discussion of this meeting.

A few items to be purchased for Marion County Animal Control were requested and brought before the Full Board for approval.

Bill Henson made a motion to approve the purchase of a cell phone for the Animal Control Officer at the current Verizon rate and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Bill Henson made a motion to approve the purchase of a RexID Pet Microchip Scanner for the price of \$249.99 and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, Mr. Henson conveyed that he and Committee Member Tracy Murray are going to look at a dog box for Marion County Animal Control, and if appropriate they will purchase it for a cost of \$300.00. Mr. Ferguson's current dog box is in despair and needs to be replaced.

Sub-Committee Codification: Brock Waggoner

Sub-Committee Codification Chairman Brock Waggoner conveyed that the documents are in the process of being prepared to forward to American Legal Publishing.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: STEVEN BRADLEY

Approval of Bills: \$1,060,495.52 Steven Bradley made a motion to approve bills and was seconded by David Iossi. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, an explanation of the inflated total was given. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Steven Bradley presented four Resolutions. He gave an explanation of each and questions were answered.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-41: Bid Approval to C Hill Civil Contractors, Inc., Range Road 22-15006-00-BR \$445,555.00 and was seconded by Bill Henson. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-42: ROW Permit - Wabash Communications Kinoka Road and was seconded by Steven Whritenour. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-43: ROW Permit - Raccoon Water Company, Kinmundy Road and was seconded by Christopher Krupp. Roll call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Road & Bridge Committee – Continued:

Steven Bradley made a Motion to approve Resolution 2024-44: ROW Permit – Ervin Cable Construction, Green Street and was seconded by David Iossi. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Interim Marion County Highway Engineer Marilea Snow presented the Highway Department's Monthly Report. In addition, she provided a written report that was included in the Full Board Meeting's Packet (see attachment).

911/ESDA COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN STEVEN WHRITENOUR

Steven Whritenour made a Motion to approve the 911/ESDA Committee Meeting Minutes dated Tuesday, August 27, 2024 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

911/ESDA Committee Chairman Steven Whritenour stated that the CommanderOne Emergency Warning System Control Contract was approved and Braniff has been contacted and it has been officially ordered.

PERSONNEL/LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH

Personnel/Labor Relations Committee Chairman Adam Smith was absent; therefore, Committee Member Christopher Krupp presented the Committee's Report. He stated that a Closed Combined Finance & Insurance and Personnel/Labor Relations Committees Meeting was conducted on Monday, September 9, 2024. The FOP Contract Negotiations are continuing. The meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 11, 2024 has been canceled and rescheduled for Wednesday, October 2, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M.

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 no renewed their liquor license.

Prior to adjournment of the Meeting, Tracy Murray questioned if his Marion County Payroll Receipt could be emailed to him. Marion County Clerk stated that it could be done. Marion County Board Secretary Lori Linder would be the person issuing them via email, but will still have to use the United Postal Service for the remaining receipts and checks unless notified.

