MARION COUNTY FULL BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

6:30 P.M.

Marion County Courthouse, Court Room 302

Meeting convened at 6:30 P.M. with Tracy Murray, Marion County Board Vice 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 Tracy Murray, Sharon Woodward, Dr. Mike Douglas, Jack Riley, Deb Reed, Shawn Richards, Josh Dunahee, Steve Whritenour, Cody Rose, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith, and David Iossi. Absent was Steve Whritenour.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST: See attached list.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Guests Nellie Paskavich, a Social Worker and Summer Miller, Nurse and Director at the Marion County Health Department in Salem distributed information to the Board Members regarding a website that they have developed; www.precoveryproject.com. Ms. Paskavich shared that it provides an assembled a collection of Countywide resources for anyone to utilize.

Following, guests listed on the Agenda were welcomed.

First, Marion County Supervisor of Assessments Mark Miller presented information regarding the vacancy and appointment for the Board of Review. An email had previously been sent to the Board Members with information referencing the requirements and duties for this position. A brief discussion transpired with a response to all questions and concerns. The vacancy will be posted on the Marion County website along with the application process for this position in the near future.

Next, Marion County resident Richard Brown expressed his frustration and concerns with being "wrongfully taxed" for many years. His issues included not having his residence, a single wide trailer, taxed as a mobile home and the amount continuously increasing through the years. He stated that he had experienced failed attempts with making an appointment with the Marion County Supervisor of Assessments to discuss the matter. Mark Miller was present and personally instructed Mr. Brown to contact his office for an appointment with him.

Marion County Board Member Josh Dunahee left the Meeting.

MARION COUNTY BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY:

Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve Matt Huelskoetter to fill the open position District 1 Board Seat. Josh Dunahee made the Motion and was seconded by

Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray - Continued:

Shawn Richards. Prior to the Roll Call Vote, various Board Members voiced their concerns regarding Mr. Huelskoetter's approval. Their apprehension included the disrespect that was shown at previous County Board meetings attended by himself and his wife. Others disagreed and stated that they implemented their rights as concerned citizens. A brief debate transpired. Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes – 6 nays (Sharon Woodward, Deb Reed, Judith Meeks-Hakim, Chris Krupp, Adam Smith, Debbie Smith). Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS:

Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray addressed the letter received from Kenny Eagan, Fire Chief of the Iuka Fire Protection District regarding the reappointment of Tom Reese to the Iuka Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for an additional term. Deb Reed made the Motion to reappoint Tom Reese to the Iuka Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for an additional term and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray addressed the letter received from S.M. Squibb, Salem Fire Protection District Board President regarding the appointment of Joseph Steven Murphy to the Salem Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for the remainder of the 3-year term vacated by James T. Somer. This term will expire on April 30, 2029. Sharon Woodward made the Motion to appoint Joseph Steven Murphy to the Salem Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for the remainder of the 3-year term vacated by James T. Somer and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes - No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray addressed the letter received from Lonnie McDaneld, Marion County Emergency Telephone System Board Chairman regarding the vacancy due to the resignation of Jeff Day. Vice Chairman Mr. Murray stated that a recommendation has been made to appoint Blake Perez, Centralia Fire Chief to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Shawn Richards made the Motion to appoint Blake Perez to fill the vacancy of Jeff Day for the remainder of his unexpired term and was seconded by Cody Rose. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sharon Woodward made the Motion to approve the Full Board Meeting Minutes dated June 23, 2026 and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN: ADAM SMITH:

Road & Bridge Committee Chairman Adam Smith began by opening the floor to Highway Engineer Alex Kreke. Engineer Kreke conveyed the details of Resolution 2026-36: Engineering Services Agreement - Bernard Road Township Bridge, Resolution 2026-37: Engineering Services Agreement – Sullens Road Township Bridge, and Resolution 2026-38: Engineering Services Agreement – Zion Hill Township Bridge. Additionally, the purpose and a brief description of Resolution 2026-39: Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Marion, Illinois and the Village of Sandoval, Illinois for Bridge Inspection Services – Structure No. 061-5007 was presented by Engineer Kreke.

Committee Chairman Adam Smith entertained an Omnibus Motion to approve Resolutions 2026-36 thru 2026-39. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

In conclusion, Engineer Kreke stated that oiling on Tonti Road from Edgewood to Omega Roads will take place on July 30, 2026. He shared that the Hoot Chapel Road repairs have been completed and he has received the final payment from Alberici. Committee Member Sharon Woodward conveyed that she had received positive comments regarding the project. Mr. Kreke also expressed gratitude to all of the companies involved and included his staff.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN SHARON WOODWARD:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward began by opening the floor to Marion County Sheriff's Department Lieutenant Anthony Decker. He shared details of new issues that are occurring at the Sheriff's Department facility. He revealed that the surveillance system's encoders have failed. Previous discussions have occurred with the Board regarding problems with the cameras. Next, he stated that the plumbers are currently working on two injection pumps. He is anticipating each one will need to be replaced. A brief discussion transpired. Further conversations with respect to repairs for the building and upcoming expenses will be taking place in the near future.

Following, Marion County Coroner Claude Howell presented a short summary of his June monthly report (included in this Meeting's packet). Additionally, he conveyed that he has completed and forwarded his information regarding the FY 2027 Budget. During this time, Coroner Howell had met with EMA Liaison Cody Rose to examine the items that may be needed for his Department in the next year.

Coroner Howell concluded by emphasizing that everyone needs to "work together" for notable progress to occur within the County.

Sub-Committee 911/EMA: Liaison Cody Rose:

Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Sharon Woodward addressed Resolution 2026-42: Resolution Surplus Marion County EMA Vehicles. This matter had been previously discussed. After questioning, verification that the monies from the sales will be going into the General Fund was made.

Sub-Committee 911/EMA - Continued:

An error/typo was noted, and "County & Community Committee" will be changed to the "Law Enforcement Committee." Judith Meeks-Hakim made the Motion to approve Resolution 2026-42 and was seconded by Debbie Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Cody Rose, 911/EMA Liaison stated that the monies from the City of Salem has been received, and the development of the Resolution for the EMA Donation Account is still in process. Additional donations are anticipated. He continued by conveying that the drones have been ordered. A debate regarding the purchase prior to receiving the monies occurred among several Board Members. Discrepancies with the Rotary Donation were briefly discussed. Afterward, Law Enforcement Committee Chairwoman Mrs. Woodward communicated that this topic will be further discussed at the next Committee Meeting in August, 2026.

Lastly, 911/EMA Liaison Mr. Rose relayed that the SAM.gov account is pending, but nearing completion, and submission for State reimbursement of payroll has been made.

Prior to the Finance report, questions regarding the Rotary Donation were responded to.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN CHRISTOPHER KRUPP:

Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp began by reviewing the Finance July, 2026 bills ($156,199.47) and the Judicial July, 2026 bills ($794,087.13). There were no questions or concerns.

Next, Chairman Mr. Krupp addressed Resolution 2026-35: Resolution 2026-35: Adopting Cost of Living Adjustment for Marion County State's Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff. The amounts are determined by the State of Illinois. Finance Committee Chairman Chris Krupp entertained a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-35. Adam Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Committee Chairman Chris Krupp entertained a Motion to approve Resolution 2026-40: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-060-840 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive $300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law and Resolution 2026-41: Permanent Parcel Number: 14-00-064-745 – Delinquent Tax Sales of said property of which the County will receive $300.00 with remaining monies distributed according to law. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Sharon Woodward. Voice Vote: 11 ayes – 1 nay (Adam Smith). Motion passed.

Following, the Marion County Trustee Program Impact Summary was sent by Marion County Treasurer Gary Purcell for informational purposes and was included in this Meeting's Packet for review.

Lastly, the FY 2025 Audit has been completed and a copy was included in this Meeting's Packet also. Committee Chairman Mr. Krupp stated that the findings were similar to the last few years.

BUDGET COMMITTEE – CHAIRMAN STEVE WHRITENOUR:

Budget Committee Chairman Steve Whritenour was absent; therefore, Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve the Budget Committee Meeting Minutes

Budget Committee – Continued:

June 8, 2026. David Iossi made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN DAVID IOSSI:

Marion County Insurance Committee Chairman David Iossi began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Combined Insurance and Finance Committees Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026. Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Adam Smith. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no questions or concerns with the Insurance July, 2026 bills ($40,325.60).

Next, the renewal of the Cyber and Pollution Insurance Policies were briefly discussed. Marion County Board Vice Chairmen Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve the Cyber Insurance Invoice ($21,783.00 – Dimond Brothers). Shawn Richards made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Marion County Board Vice Chairmen Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to approve the Pollution Insurance Invoice ($2,236.00 – Dimond Brothers). Judith Meeks-Hakim made the Motion and was seconded by Deb Reed. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

COUNTY & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE: CHAIRMAN TRACY MURRAY

County & Community Chairman Tracy Murray began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026. Mike Douglas made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

There were no questions or concerns with the County & Community July, 2026 bills ($14,957.41).

Next, Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a Motion to Appoint and Send the Names of Marion County Election Judges, by Party and Precinct, to the Marion County Circuit Court for Confirmation. (Resolution/Ordinance not required) Debbie Smith made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Lastly, the written notification of change in ownership of the Commercial Solar Energy-Special Use Permit-SG Community Beach PV, LLC was included in this Meeting's Packet for review.

BUILDING & HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: CHAIRWOMAN DEB REED:

Building & Historical Committee Chairwoman Deb Reed began by entertaining a Motion to approve the Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 8, 2026. Mike Douglas made the Motion and was seconded by David Iossi. Voice Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

Building & Historical Committee – Continued:

Next, there were no questions or concerns with the Building & Historical Committee July, 2026 bills ($51,069.61).

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

708 Mental Health Board

Marion County Board Representative Judith Meeks-Hakim announced that the 3 vacancies were filled; Connie Caveletto, Zach Roeckerman, and Bette Simmons-Young. The next Board Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, September 3, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

Marion County Board Vice Chairman Tracy Murray entertained a made a Motion to adjourn with mileage and per diem. Sharon Woodward made the Motion and was seconded by Judith Meeks-Hakim. Roll Call Vote: All ayes – No nays. Motion passed.

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Time: 7:47 P.M.

Approved: ✓

Date: 8/26/26

Steve Fox, Marion County Clerk