

The Marion County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 3014 E Main St. Knoxville, IA 50138 on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 with Mark Raymie, Steve McCombs, and Kisha Jahner present in-person. Public access to the meeting was available in-person and electronically. Board Chair Jahner opened the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Raymie, McCombs, Jahner Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

Agenda:

Mc Combs moved and Raymie seconded to approve the agenda as posted.

Communications:

1. The Board received Letter of Resignation from Marion County Attorney Ed Bull effective 2/17/2023.

Public Comments:

1. Steve Woodhouse, Marion County Express, asked the Board if they intend to appoint or go to Special Election regarding the resignation of the County Attorney.

2. Larry Robuck, Marion County resident, Eagle Rock commented that the County cleared some brush and fence near his home and he wanted to know why. Tyler Christian, Marion County Engineer commented that the County has been clearing brush and tree lines in the right of ways around the County. Robuck also inquired about a culvert near his property. Finally, Robuck remarked that he felt the County was in competition with private business regarding rental of cabins at Cordova Park.

Consent Agenda:

Mc Combs moved and Raymie seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Marion County Warrants 248806 – 248922 through 1/24/2023.
2. Approval of Marion County Board of Supervisor Regular Session Minutes: 1/10/2023
3. Approval of Marion County employee salary adjustments. Complete list available in the Human Resource Office.
4. Approval of Marion County Conservation Board warrants #248765 - #248805 through 1/17/2023.

Business:

1. Marion County Librarians presented their FY24 budget requests. Items included in their presentations were circulation data, events and future plans. Discussion regarding the current formula used to distribute funding to the libraries was held. Four of the librarians (Pella, Knoxville, Bussey and Melcher-Dallas) request to use the same formula that has been used for some time. Pleasantville's requested the same amount as FY23. Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to close discussion.

2. Anne Bacon, IMPACT Community Action Partnership presented statistics to the Board regarding number of residents and individuals served in Marion County. It was discussed that housing and water assistance are the highest need to families. Service has been provided via phone and the Knoxville Library has been providing space to IMPACT for in person services. Bacon closed her presentation with no specific request from Marion County. Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to close discussion.

3. Knoxville Township currently has 2 vacancy Trustee positions to be appointed by the Board. The consensus of the Board was to draw two names "out of a hat" from the 7 applicants to select the appointments of Knoxville Township Trustee. The Board then drew 2 names "out of a hat". Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve the following appointments:

Knoxville Township Trustee
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Lauren Petersen
Tom Raemaker

Term ending – 12/31/2024
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4. Cal Wyman, Knoxville Fire Chief and Marion County EMS Association led discussion regarding intent to form a Marion County EMS – Advisory Committee. This committee would include involvement from many Marion County entities, Board of Supervisors, Hospitals, Cities, Townships as well as Fire, Rescue and Ambulance to look at the current EMS model and determine any gaps and seek solutions to any deficiencies found. The Board is supportive of the steering committee. Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to close discussion.

5. Fred Van Ee, Lake Prairie Township Clerk voiced his concern to the board regarding the City of Pella’s request of funds from the township’s budget to pay the City for rural ambulance services. Raymie commented that the Board of Supervisors has no jurisdiction to intervene. Cal Bandstra, City of Pella commented that he hopes they can have future discussion to come to an agreement. Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to close discussion.

Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to take a 5 minute recess at 10:35 a.m.

Raymie moved and Mc Combs seconded to reconvene from recess

6. Board of Supervisor Updates

- McCombs: HIRTA meeting Thursday but won’t be able to attend
- Jahner: IMPACT and 5th Judicial – will not be able to attend
- Raymie: Will have proposal from City of Pleasantville at the next BOS meeting regarding the Adkins project.
Jason Reed, Knoxville Raceway will attend next BOS meeting regarding purchase of land at VA

7. Jake Grandia, Marion County Auditor, began discussion regarding proposed FY24 Marion County budget levels after all departmental requests had been entered into the budget program. Items that will be reviewed in the upcoming budget sessions will be fund balances, tax levies and expense vs revenues. Budget sessions begin today with individual department budget meetings.

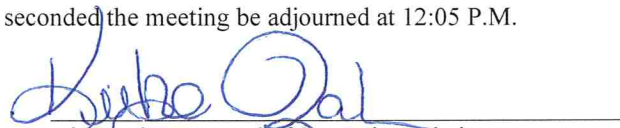
Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget submittals with the following departments:

Road Department – Tyler Christian

Adjournment:

There being no other business, Raymie moved and Jahner seconded the meeting be adjourned at 12:05 P.M.


Dani Graves, Deputy Auditor


Kisha Jahner, Board of Supervisor Chair