

# One Marshall County Board Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2024 at the Marshall County Community Foundation (MCCF)

**One Marshall County Attendance:** Jonah Best, Keegan Campbell, Matthew Celmer, Kevin Danti, Keith Fraine, Bethany Hartley, Eric Holsopple, Jeff Houin, Justine Johnson, Robert Listenberger, Gary Neidig, Jason Nine, Marty Oosterbaan, Shawn Peterson, Jeremy Riffle, Nicholas Witwer, Linda Yoder

**enFocus:** Andrew Wiand, Megan Dale, Calla Norman

**Guests:** Sandy Garrison (Marshall County Museum)

## Discussion Topics

- **Bylaws Discussion**
  - Jeff Houin's revisions re: Art. II, Sec. 2 were for clarity, not substantive changes.
  - Role of committee discussion - less formalized, more active participation, more transparency.
  - Recommended name change from "Nomination" to "Governance Committee"
- **Outstanding Board Appointments**
  - Welcoming Nicholas Witwer, new board appointee from the County
  - *Treasurer Position:* actively searching for someone interested in the role
    - If anyone knows someone who may be interested, please reach out to the Executive Committee or enFocus.
  - *Business Growth and Innovation Liaison* - outreach to MCEDC to appoint
  - *Advisory (non-voting) Roles*
    - Consider adding college appointee
    - Keep regional advisory open role(s) to be more fluid among relevant Regional Partnership / other regional organizations representation
    - Lilly Scholar program / school superintendents potential pipeline for finding high school candidates
  - Continue to keep diversity in mind in nominations
- **Committee Updates**
  - Education and Workforce Development (Jeremy Riffle)
    - Career Innovation Center construction has started. Demolition is underway and rooms are being prepared for new construction. Recently received an anonymous donation which matched the LLN/MCCF donation.
    - Significant increase in number of enrolled CTE students
    - Soft "save the date" for groundbreaking - August 16th
  - Quality of Life (Linda Yoder)
    - Findings of UWMC housing study: 1300 house shortage, Aging-in-Place, economic pressure of others trying to afford housing, therefore a lot of pressure on rentals
    - Affordable childcare - TriShare model is ready to go.
      - 1/3 of cost of childcare covered by employer

- ITAMCO is offering TriShare. Jason Nine and Keegan Campbell shared challenges with TriShare at their businesses including eligibility, employee perception, and the need for 24/7 childcare.
    - Ameri-Can is beginning a DSAP for employees with childcare needs
  - Housing (Shawn Peterson)
    - READI: Due to the timeline, communications should begin and local match should be in place. Currently anticipating applications due end of August.
    - GIFT VIII
      - Marshall County Community Foundation proposal for loan fund and establishment of a community development corporation (a \$4 million project) was invited to move forward in the application process. Application due Sept. 6.
      - Land Bank and Housing Trust Fund project - forthcoming workshopping meetings. Potentially a \$20 million project.
      - \$4 million for community development corporation
  - Quality of Place (Matthew Celmer)
    - Heartland Arts Application has been submitted to the Regional Partnership for the LEI grant opportunity. The total cost is about \$8 million.
    - Regional arts and culture group convened for this process and has potential to continue.
- **Budget Discussion**
  - Current financial status
    - \$66,281 in Crossroads account
      - \$15,488 allocated to Arts and Culture Projects
      - \$50,793 appears to be unallocated, pending confirmation
  - enFocus support continuation
    - There was general interest in enFocus continuing to provide capacity. enFocus's current contract ends August 31, 2024.
    - The Board will discuss and review a proposal at a future meeting.
    - Costs may be supported by MCCF's \$50,000 planning grant. These funds must be spent by Dec. 31 2024.
  - Revenue source opportunities
    - Secure municipal MOU's for promised funds
    - Private match for Gift VIII - can be up to \$75,000 match for a total of \$150,000, over several years
- **New Meeting Scheduling**
  - Official Business Meeting now July 10; READI workshop now July 31

**Official Business:**

- New motion: Approve minutes from last meeting on May 15, 2024
  - Moved by Matthew Celmer
  - Seconded
  - Approved unanimously
- New motion to adjourn
  - Moved by Matthew Celmer
  - Seconded by Marty Oosterbaan
  - Approved unanimously