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**University of Illinois Extension
Bond, Clinton, Jefferson, Marion, and Washington Counties
Unit 23**

Multi-County Council Minutes

April 16, 2025; 11:30 am

@ Washington County Extension Conference Center

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair, Mike Bruns at 11:35 a.m.

Roll Call:

Council members present answering to roll call included: Julie Brooks, Mike Bruns, Dee DeMoss, Julie Karmeier, Diane Koertge, Julia Miessner, Bernard Myers, Natalie Shook, Julie Wollerman and Nick Suess. Staff in attendance were Jordee Koehler, Lauren Sharp, Kara Boozer, and Rhonda Mueller. Guest in attendance was Destiny Fisher.

Approval of Minutes

Butch Myers made a motion with a second by Dee DeMoss to approve the January 15, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Extension Updates:

Jordee presented the FY25 Financial Report – March.

Position Openings:

- Family Consumer Science (FCS) Program Coordinator – going to repost position due to several failed searches – can be housed in either Marion or Jefferson County depending on the applicant.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Community Outreach Worker – this position is direct education in schools – looking to house in either Bond or Clinton County.
- Commercial Agricultural Educator – new position posted through May 2 – to be housed in Clinton County.
- Community Economic Development Educator with a focus on Local Government – new position posted through May 2 – to be housed in Washington County

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- 4-H Extension Program Coordinator – Clinton – Allison Diekemper has been relocated from the Jefferson County Office.
- 4-H Extension Program Coordinator in Jefferson and Marion are currently open – not posted but should very soon.
- Looking to add a Volunteer Program Coordinator – currently working with HR on the logistics of this position.

Educator Updates:

Council members were asked to participate in a Community Service Activity that the various offices were asked to participate in. Each office was tasked with assisting the various food pantries by helping restock the pantries after the holidays. There ended up being a tie so the winning offices were Jefferson and Washington.

New Business:

Council members then participated in small group sessions providing feedback for the current Unit Needs Assessment that is being conducted to give feedback on gaps and the various needs of the communities.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.