


ORDINANCE No. 2020-09

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD**  
FRANKLIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
P. O BOX 607  
BENTON, IL 62812

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned, presiding officer of the Franklin County Board of Franklin County, hereby certifies that I am the presiding officer of the Franklin County Board of Franklin County, and as such presiding officers, I hereby certify that the levy ordinance, a copy of which is appended hereto, was adopted pursuant to, and in all respects in compliance with the provisions of Section 18-60 through 18-85 of the "**Truth in Taxation Act.**"

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2020.

  
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Presiding Officer

ANNUAL LEVY ORDINANCE

An ordinance levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the County of Franklin, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of December, A.D., 2020, and ending on the 30th day of November, A.D., 2021.

Be it ordained by the County Board, Franklin County, Illinois:

Section 1: That the amounts hereinafter set forth, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, and the same is hereby levied for such purposes as: General Corporate, Bonds and Interest, Insurance, IMRF, Social Security, Human Services/Mental Health, County Highway, Federal Aid Matching, County Bridge Fund, Extension Education, and Senior Citizen Services for the fiscal year of the said County of Franklin, Illinois, beginning the 1st Day of December, A.D., 2020, and ending the 30th day of November, A.D., 2021.

Section 2: The amount levied for each object and purpose is as follows:

the sum of	<u>\$1,921,585</u>	to be levied as a tax for General Corporate Purposes (55 ILCS 5/5-1024), and
the sum of	<u>\$247,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the repayment of Bonds & Interest (35 ILCS 350/15 & 35 ILCS 200/18-185), and
the sum of	<u>\$450,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Act (40 ILCS 5/7), and
the sum of	<u>\$560,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of the County Administration of Highways (605 ILCS 5/5), and
the sum of	<u>\$185,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of the County Bridge Fund (605 ILCS 5/5-602), and
the sum of	<u>\$126,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of Mental Health (55 ILCS 5/5-25025), and
the sum of	<u>\$185,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of Federal Aid Matching (ILCS 5/5-603), and
the sum of	<u>\$315,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of Insurance (745 ILCS 10/9-107), and
the sum of	<u>\$400,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of Social Security (40 ILCS 5/21), and
the sum of	<u>\$106,200</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of Cooperative Extension (505 ILCS 45/8 - not to exceed .0005 as per referendum passed on March 17, 1992), and
the sum of	<u>\$36,000</u>	to be levied as a tax for the purposes of Senior Citizens Services (55 ILCS 5/5-1034).

Section 3: That in separate action on August 18, 2020, the County Board of Franklin County, Illinois passed an ordinance levying the following amounts for the Bi-County Health Fund:

Corporate Tax (55 ILCS 5/5-25003 & 5/5-25004)  
the sum of **\$146,172** and  
Insurance Tax (745 ILCS 10/9-107)  
the sum of **\$31,720** and  
IMRF Tax (40 ILCS 5/7-171)  
the sum of **\$121,508** and  
Social Security Tax (40 ILCS 5/21-110)  
the sum of **\$30,378**

Section 4: That the County Clerk of said County of Franklin, is hereby directed to extend the afore said tax in the amounts above set forth for the Fiscal Year of County of Franklin beginning December 1, 2020, and ending November 30, 2021.

Section 5: That if any section, subdivision, sentence, or word of this ordinance is for any reason held void or invalid or be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 6: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and recording, according to law.

Adopted this 23rd day of November, A.D., 2020 pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Absent 1

Chairman, County Board Randall Curk  
Member, County Board John Gully  
Member, County Board [Signature]  
Member, County Board Jack Warren  
Member, County Board Matt Donlin  
Member, County Board [Signature]  
Member, County Board [Signature]  
Member, County Board [Signature]  
Member, County Board [Signature]  
Attest, County Clerk [Signature]

**STATEMENT FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING – November 23, 2020**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD**  
**Randall Crocker, Chairman**

Every taxing district in Illinois—including Franklin County—is subject to the Truth in Taxation Law. This law requires taxing districts to disclose by publication and to hold a public hearing on their intention to adopt an aggregate levy in amounts more than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended upon the final aggregate levy of the preceding year.

Franklin County is also subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, commonly known as PTELL. PTELL is designed to limit the increases in total property taxes billed for non-home rule taxing districts such as Franklin County Government. PTELL allows a taxing district to receive a limited inflationary increase in tax extensions on existing property, plus an additional amount for new construction.

Franklin County typically does not have to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing due to the fact that our levy rarely exceeds 105% of the prior year's extension because of our limitations under PTELL.

However, for the 2020 tax year, we will have a significant amount of new industrial property come onto the tax rolls. When the coal mine near Akin was originally built, the improvements to the property received a 100% tax abatement because the mine is located in the Benton/Franklin County Enterprise Zone. The year 2019 will represent the final year of the tax abatement. This will result in \$8,750,000 in new value being added to our tax rolls for the 2020 tax year. In order to capture this new property value for Franklin County, we are required by law to hold this truth in taxation hearing.

The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2019 were \$4,236,167.27. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2020 are \$4,531,785. This represents a 6.98% increase over the previous year.

To be clear, the purpose of this Truth in Taxation hearing is NOT to raise property taxes on the individual taxpayers and businesses of Franklin County. The only purpose of this Truth in Taxation hearing is to enable Franklin County to capture the new property value resulting from the coal mine's transition out of the Enterprise Zone.

We will now open the floor for public comment and question. We will also accept written testimony. Each person wishing to speak on the subject will be limited to three minutes.