

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Apr 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room in the Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois by Acting Chairman Stephen Leek.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were John Gulley, Neil Hargis, Stephen Leek, Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Alan Price, Jack Warren and Kevin Weston. Absent was Randall Crocker.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Forreest Langenfeld and Jim Renik and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek asked the public if there were comments at this time. Gay Bowlin, Manager of the Franklin County Farm Bureau read a memo to the County Board stating how please the bureau is that the sales tax passed but they are worried about the location of the new courthouse.

Said memo is made a part of these minutes.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2019 Regular County Board Meeting and March 22, 2019 and April 8, 2019 County Board Special Meetings. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

John Gulley made a motion to pay the claims on file. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek informed the County Board that a closed session is not needed at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

WAIVING THE COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - RESOLUTION

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution Waiving the Competition Requirements of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act for the Specific Purposes of the Design of Rennovations to the Campbell Building and temporary Court Facilities and to Conduct a Professional Land Survey of Property and he asked the County Board if everyone had a chase to read this resolution that was mailed with the agenda. All County Board members replied yes.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve this resolution as presented. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2019-16.

INCREASING FRANKLIN COUNTY'S PORTION OF THE LOCAL SALES TAX BY 1% - ORDINANCE

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is an Ordinance Increasing Franklin County's Portion of the Local Sales Tax by 1% for a Period Not to Exceed 15 Years for Specific Public Facilities purposes Pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5 and he read this ordinance.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve this ordinance as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2019-02.

**HIRE FORREST
LANGENFELD TO
UNDERWRITE THE
STRUCTURE AND PLACE
THE DEBT
CERTIFICATES**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is to hire Forrest Langenfeld to Underwrite the Structure and place the Debt Certificates to be Used in the Construction of the New Courthouse and the Renovation of the Campbell Building and to Co-Ordinate the Document Preparation with an Accredited Legal Council and use Southern Illinois Bank as the lead Bank and he asked Forrest Langenfeld to explain. Forrest Langenfeld explained what he would do to help the County Board to get the bonds from local banks and he explained how he would Underwrite the Structure & place the Debt Certificates.

John Gulley made a motion to hire Forrest Langenfeld as he explained for the Underwrite the Structure & place the Debt Certificates. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**AUTHORIZE SHORT-TERM
FINANCING**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Authorize Short-term Financing to be Used for Initial Expenses on the New Courthouse and the Renovation of the Campbell Building using Southern Illinois Bank and he stated that this needs to be tabled at this time.

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES KELLY
ARCHITECTURAL &
CONSULTING LLC -
AGREEMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the agreement with professional services Kelly Architecture & Consulting LLC. John Gulley spoke about Mr. Drew Kelly and he is the only architect that is located in the county and the board recommends Drew Kelly.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve the agreement with Kelly Architecture & Consulting LLC. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2019-02.

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES SHAWNEE
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES - AGREEMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the agreement with professional services Shawnee Professional Services and he asked the County Board members if everyone read the agreement and recommended approval.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the agreement with Shawnee Professional Services. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2019-03.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD & REND LAKE
AREA TOURISM COUNCIL
- SUB-RECIPIENT
AGREEMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the sub-recipient agreement between Franklin County Board and Rend Lake Area Tourism Council stating that this is a renewal.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve this agreement as presented. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2019-04.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (Stephen Leek) to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

John Gulley made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2019-17 thru 2019-19.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
STATES ATTORNEY -
TRAVEL REQUEST**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County States Attorney's office travel request and he presented a letter from Evan Owens, State's Attorney requesting that Troy Wise to attend the 2019 Downstate Conference in Wood River, Illinois on April 24th & 25th with the cost being \$160.00 along with mileage and lodging.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the travel request for the Franklin County States Attorney's office as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
CORONER - TRAVEL
REQUEST**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Coroner travel request.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the Franklin County Coroner travel request. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
STATES ATTORNEY
EMPLOYEE INTEN -
REPLACEMENT HIRE**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County States Attorney's office request to hire a part-time attorney and Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board read the letter from Evan Owens, State's Attorney stating that he is requesting to add a SIU law student as an employee / intern.

Alan Price made a motion to approve the request to hire a part-time attorney as presented. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**SESSER FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
- 2 APPOINTMENTS**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Sesser Fire Protection District have two member Mark Lappin and Wayne Shannon's terms will expire April 30, 2019.

John Gulley made a motion to reappoint Mark Lappin and Wayne Shannon to the Sesser Fire Protection District for three year terms ending April 30, 2022. Neal Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CORINTH WATER
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Corinth Water District with James Kerley term ending May 6, 2019.

Alan Price made a motion to reappoint James Kerly to the Corinth Water District for a five year term ending May 4, 2024. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CAVE EASTERN FIRE
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Cave Eastern Fire District with Steve Sniderwin term ending May 6, 2019.

Alan Price made a motion to reappointment Steve Sniderwin to the Cave Eastern Fire District for a three year term ending May 7, 2022. Larry Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**EWING NORTHERN FIRE
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Ewing Northern Fire District with Dean Cripps term ending May 6, 2019.

Alan Price made a motion to reappointment Dean Cripps to the Ewing Northern Fire District for a three year term ending May 7, 2022. Larry Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**HILL CITY WATER
DISTRICT - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Hill City Water District with Bud Jay & Lindell Minor Sr. terms ending April 30, 2019.

Ray Minor made a motion to reappointment Bud Jay & Lindell Minor Sr. to the Hill City Water District for a five year term ending April 30, 2024. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**PLUMFIELD WATER
DISTRICT - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Plumfiled Water District with Carl Lee & Mike Smith terms ending May 1, 2019.

Kevin Weston made a motion to reappointment Carl Lee & Mike Smith to the Plumfield Water District for a four year term ending May 1, 2023. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FREDCO - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin Regional Economic Development Corporation - FREDCO. Leigh Caldwell chooses not to be on this board no longer.

John Gulley made a motion to appoint Paula Rone to replace Leigh Caldwell on the Franklin Regional Economic Development Corporation - FREDCO Board. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
CLERK, FRANKLIN
COUNTY SHERIFF &
FRANKLIN COUNTY
CORONER**

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, Franklin County Sheriff and Franklin County Coroner.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve all three reports as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**REGIONAL
SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS**

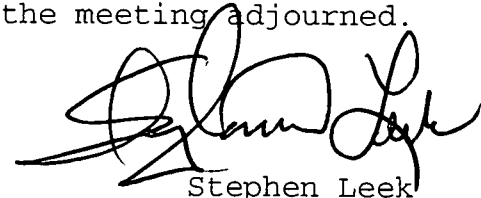
Acting Chairman Stephen Leek stated the next item on the agenda is the Regional Superintendent of Schools quarterly report from Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent of Schools for Franklin, Johnson, Massac, and Williamson Counties and these reports were presented at the Committee Meeting on April 15, 2019.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve this report as presented. Jack Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said quarterly report is made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chairman Stephen Leek asked the Board if there were any questions. Ray Minor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Warren seconded the motion. There being no further business Acting Chairman Stephen Leek declared the meeting adjourned.



Stephen Leek
Interim Chair



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder