

DATE: May 1, 2017

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, ZONING,
RABIES (DOG POUND), EMERGENCY SERVICES, 9-1-1,
CENTRAL DISPATCH, TOURISM, ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENT,
BI-COUNTY HEALTH BOARD, INSURANCE & SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS**

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- Tom Vaughn - Chair - Central Dispatch
- Neil Hargis - Economic Development - Animal Control
- Steve Leek - Supervisor of Assessments - Mapping
- Jack Warren - ADA/Zoning
- Danny Melvin - Bi County Health Board - Solid Toxic Waste
- David Rea - Emergency Services - 911
- Robert Pierce - Economic Development
- Alan Price & Tom Vaughn - Tourism/Economic Development
- Randall Crocker - County Board Chair - Insurance

MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by chair, Tom Vaughn. Not present were, Robert Pierce, Neil Hargis and Alan Price, in attendance were, Franklin County States Attorney, Evan Owens, Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones, Franklin County Clerk, Greg Woolard, Franklin County Circuit Clerk, Jim Muir, Franklin County Treasurer, Keith Jones, Regional Superintendent of Schools, matt Donkin, Franklin county Engineer, Mike Rolla, Franklin County Supervisor of Assessments, Cindy Humm, Franklin County Animal Control Supervisor, Thad Snell, Franklin County Board Administrative Assistant, Gayla Sink, Franklin County Recycling Coordinator, Keith Ward and other interested parties.

Discussion was held concerning locking offices in the new building and how to lock outside doors.

Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones reported the Jail now had 114 inmates, discussion followed.

Franklin County Board Administrative Assistant Gayla Sink submitted the Franklin County Coroners report for April, a copy of said report is hereby attached as a part of these minutes.

Tom Vaughn reported on the Franklin County Tourism Council activities.

Randall Crocker asked for suggestions for a official name for the Campbell building.

Randall Crocker made a motion at 5:10 p.m., seconded by Steve Leek to go into closed session at 5:10 to discuss personnel, all voted aye.

Randall Crocker made a motion at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Tom Vaughn to come out of closed session, all voted aye, no action was taken during closed session.

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David Rea expressed the need for a part time janitor for the new building, discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted 5/2/17

Tom Vaughn
Chair, Health and Environment Committee

DATE: May 15, 2017

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Steve Leek reported he had been informed that the Rend Lake Resort might reopen in the fall.

Danny Melvin reported on a recent Bi-County Health meeting, discussion followed.

Franklin County Supervisor of Assessments, Cindy Humm explained the farm land appointments on the agenda for the regular May meeting.

Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones reported 116 inmates in the jail at this time.

Georgia Delagarza of Community Futures Initiative discussed Coal Severance Tax and explained same, and urged the board to support this movement, a copy of fact sheets is hereby attached as a part of these minutes.

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Matt Donkin submitted his resignation and explained why, all wished him well in his new venture.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

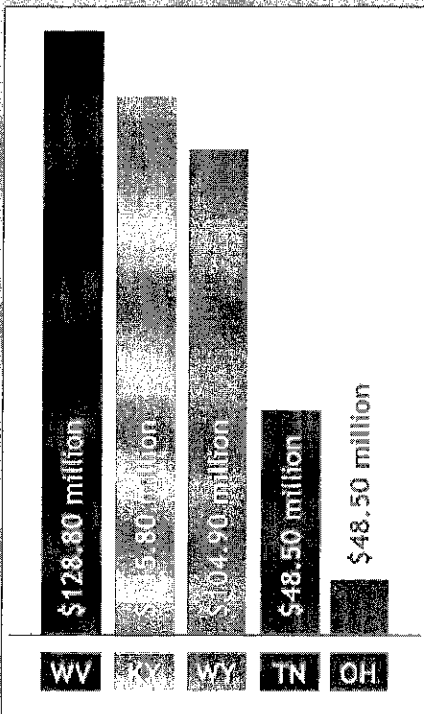
Minutes submitted 5/16/17

Randall Crocker, Chair Franklin County Board

Outdated tax code Holding back Illinois communities

The Problem Coal is leaving the state – in fact, **78% of coal mined in Illinois is consumed out-of-state.** While industry is gearing up for more exports overseas, Illinois communities are missing out on a revenue source that could be reinvested to clean-up and diversify the economy.

How much revenue would an Illinois coal severance tax have generated in 2012? (using other state tax rates)



The complete study and methodology can be found at bit.ly/1hO1aLN

- 1 Illinois is **one of the only major coal-producing states** that does not collect a coal severance tax – a common sense excise fee collected from the coal company based on the price or volume of coal mined.
- 2 While the multi-billion dollar coal industry exports Illinois coal out-of-state, the communities where coal comes from are missing out on a substantial source of revenue – **more than \$4.4 billion over the next 35 years**
- 3 Collecting these fees does not impact industry production – this means **that hard-working miners keep their jobs** and communities receive revenue to **invest in education, job training, and infrastructure for a self-sufficient economy.**

Legislators can establish a **Community Futures Fund,**

The Solution

ensuring a **permanent source of wealth** during bust periods and providing revenue to invest in infrastructure, economic development, and education for **an economy communities can rely on.**

SAMPLE RESOLUTION
for
**AN ILLINOIS COAL SEVERANCE TAX THAT
BENEFITS COMMUNITIES IN COAL-PRODUCING COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, Illinois is a major coal-producing state, ranking fourth in national production in 2013¹;

WHEREAS, coal production in Illinois is projected to increase from 48.5 million tons in 2012 to 77.2 million tons by 2040, and average coal prices are projected to increase from \$53 per ton in 2012 to \$67 per ton by 2040²;

WHEREAS, nearly 80% of the coal mined in Illinois leaves the state rather than being used locally, meaning that Illinois communities do not fully benefit from their natural resource wealth;

WHEREAS, Illinois is one of three out of 25 coal-producing states in the country that does not collect a coal severance tax;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that a minimum 5% tax on the value of Illinois coal produced could generate as much as \$173.5 million annually by 2020, and \$258.2 million each year by 2040. These revenues have the potential to help support and enhance the health and well-being of coal mining communities by providing funds for job-creating projects that will strengthen local economies and help Illinois' hard-working families get ahead³;

WHEREAS, the tax would be paid mostly by out-of-state consumers because Illinois is a major exporter of coal⁴;

WHEREAS, economic studies and the experience of 22 other states show that a severance tax does not affect coal production nor result in job loss⁵;

WHEREAS, coal is a non-renewable energy source, and revenues from a coal severance tax will last only as long as coal is economical to extract; and

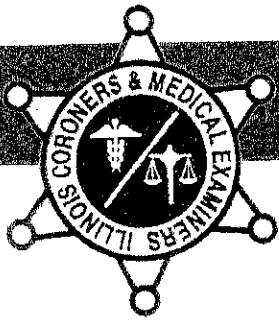
¹ U.S. Energy Information Administration. *Frequently Asked Questions*. February 2, 2015. <http://www.eia.gov/tools/faqs/faq.cfm?id=69&t=2>

² Downstream Strategies and Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. *Capturing Resource Wealth to Invest in the Future: Possible Structures and Potential Benefits of an Illinois Coal Severance Tax*. October 23, 2015.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*



Franklin County Coroner

County of Franklin, Illinois

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Benton, Illinois 62812
618-439-6850 Ext. 2501
franklincountycoroner@yahoo.com

Marty P. Leffler
Coroner

John Graskewicz
Chief Deputy Coroner

Richard W. Good
Deputy Coroner

Steve Gilbert
Deputy Coroner

Gary Little
Deputy Coroner

Steve Leek
Deputy Coroner

Bernie Staten
Secretary

April 2017

April case total 28

Annual total through April 30, 2017 = 92

14 females @ an average age of 68.71 years of age

14 males @ an average age of 69.07 years of age

16 out of 28 cases were on scene investigations

Transported 9 (2 by ambulance, 7 by coroner)

Autopsies 4

Cremations 10 @ \$50 per permit = \$500

7 deaths between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

8 weekend deaths

6 Cancer Death & 4 Cardiac related deaths

Deaths per day of the week Monday 4, Tuesday 2, Wednesday 3, Thursday 7, Friday 6, Saturday 4, Sunday 2.

Deaths by residence town: 8 West Frankfort, 11 Benton, 1 Zeigler, 1 Sesser, 1 Christopher, 1 Royalton, 1 Arkansas, 1 Mulkeytown, 1 Highland, 1 Orient, 1 Valier

Coroner Cases

Apr-17 Day	Time	Age	Place	Cause	Transport	Respond	Cremation	Autopsy	Tox	X-ray	Residence
1-Apr Saturday	6:29 a.m.	89F	Res.Hosp	Lung CA	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Benton
2-Apr Sunday	3:15 p.m.	24F	I-57	MVA	Yes - cor	Yes	No	yes	yes	yes	Arkansas
3-Apr Monday	3:52 p.m.	62M	Res.Hosp	Myeloma	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Benton
3-Apr Monday	12:51 p.m.	51M	ER	Massive MI	No	Yes	No	No	yes	No	WF
3-Apr Monday	3:15 p.m.	92F	N.H. Hosp	Organ Failure	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Benton
5-Apr Wednesday	3:35 p.m.	71F	Residence	COPD	yes - cor	Yes	pending*	No	No	No	Benton
6-Apr Thursday	7:02 a.m.	83M	N.H.	AFT/AFIB	No	No	No	No	No	No	Benton
6-Apr Thursday	2:05 p.m.	85M	Res.Hosp	Resp. Fail.	No	No	No	No	No	No	Sesser
6-Apr Thursday	3:40 p.m.	94F	Res.Auto	Cardiac	yes - cor	yes	No	No	No	No	Benton
6-Apr Thursday	4:12 p.m.	64M	Residence	Liver CA	yes - amb	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Mulkeytown
6-Apr Thursday	10:45 p.m.	59F	Residence	OD	yes - cor	Yes	Yes	No	yes	No	Zeigler
7-Apr Friday	7:35 p.m.	84M	Residence	COPD	No	yes	No	No	No	No	WF
8-Apr Saturday	10:33 a.m.	51M	Creek bed	Suicide OD	yes - cor	Yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes	Highland/WF
11-Apr Tuesday	5:10 a.m.	65F	Res. Hosp	Resp. Fail.	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	WF
14-Apr Friday	2:00 a.m.	83F	Res.Hosp	Resp. Fail.	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Benton
14-Apr Friday	11:15 a.m.	86F	N.H.	Pneumonia	No	No	No	No	No	No	WF
14-Apr Friday	8:00 p.m.	67F	N.H. Hosp	CVA	No	No	No	No	No	No	WF
18-Apr Tuesday	3:59 a.m.	45F	N.H. Hosp	CHF	No	No	No	No	No	No	WF
19-Apr Wednesday	1:36 p.m.	56M	Res. Hosp	Lung CA	No	No	Yes	no	No	No	Orient
20-Apr Thursday	11:42 a.m.	95M	N.H.	Septicemia	No	No	No	No	No	No	Benton
21-Apr Friday	8:30 a.m.	51F	Res. Hosp	Lung CA	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Benton
22-Apr Saturday	5:17 p.m.	54F	Residence	pending OD	yes - WF amb	Yes	Yes	yes	yes	yes	WF
23-Apr Sunday	6:47 a.m.	69M	Residence	SuicideGS	yes - cor	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	Vailier
24-Apr Monday	3:15 p.m.	84M	Res.Hosp	AFT/Parkin	No	No	No	No	No	No	Royalton
26-Apr Wednesday	7:31 p.m.	20M	Parkdon St.	MVA	yes - cor	Yes	No	No	yes	yes	Christopher
27-Apr Thursday	12:55 p.m.	75M	Res.Hosp	Lung CA	No	No	No	No	No	No	WF
28-Apr Friday	5:38 a.m.	82F	N.H.	CVA	No	No	No	No	No	No	Benton
29-Apr Saturday	3:52 p.m.	88M	Residence	Cardiac	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Benton