

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jul 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman J. Larry Miller. Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Governor J B Pritzker has ordered everyone to wear masks and to observe social distancing. This meeting was held in the former County Board room, Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were J. Larry Miller, Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; David Bartoni, Sheriff; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Lorie LeQuatte, FJMW Regional Superintendent of Schools; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman J. Larry Miller lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time. No one had any comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2021 Regular County Board Meeting and July 6, 2021 Special County Board Meeting Minutes. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Ray Minor made a motion to pay the claims on file. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CONCEPTS OF ILLINOIS
- CONTRACT
ACCEPTANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the acceptance of the contract agreement with Concepts of Illinois and he asked Erick Christy, President / CEO for Concepts of Illinois to present his proposal to the County Board. Erick Christy, President / CEO for Concepts of Illinois presented the Service & Support Contract for the computer systems in the County Campbell Building (Courthouse) offices, starting date is August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024. Erick Christy presented two different proposals: first was with the Circuit Clerk's office added and the seconded one was without the Circuit Clerk's office. The County Board choose the one proposal with the Circuit Clerk's office included.

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the first proposal as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-08.

**2020 FRANKLIN COUNTY
GENERAL PURPOSE
AUDIT - ACCEPTANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the 2020 Franklin County General Purpose Audit and he recommends the County Board to accept the General Audit. Sarah Kary CPA from Rice Sullivan LLC, Du Quoin, Illinois gave her report of the audit at the Committee meeting earlier this evening.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said audit is made a part of these minutes.

**MOVE CORONER TO EMA
BUILDING 401 E. PARK
ST., BENTON -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the moving of the Coroner's Office to the current EMA Building at 401 E. Park St. Benton and planning to have a morgue there as well once the EMA office moves to the Campbell Building basement after the completion of the new courthouse and he is asking for approval.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the moving of the Coroner's Office to the EMA Building at 401 E. Park St. Benton. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DESTROY CLOSED
SESSION TAPES -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to destroy closed session tapes.

Kevin Weston made a motion to destroy the closed session tapes. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**RELEASE CLOSED
SESSION MINUTES -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to release closed session minutes.

Ray Minor made a motion not to release closed session minutes. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CLERICAL COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENT
- APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Clerical Collective Bargaining agreement and he recommends for this to be approved.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the Clerical Collective Bargaining agreement. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-09.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM - RESOLUTIONS**

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

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-27 thru 2021-30.

**FRANKLIN-WILLIAMSON
BI-COUNTY TAX LEVY**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department Annual Tax Levy for fiscal year beginning December 1, 2021 and ending November 30, 2022 this tax levy & the budget is for the period July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 has to be passed by the County Board every year.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the annual tax levy & budget as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-31.

**SHERIFF -
COMPETITIVE BID
MINIMUM ON TAX SALES**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Sheriff having a competitive bid minimum on tax sales and he asked Dave Bartoni, Sheriff to explain. Sheriff Dave Bartoni explained that during a Sheriff's tax sale, he wants a minimum bid to be raised in increments of \$100.00 instead of the \$10.00 that it is currently.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the minimum bid as requested. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

GILMORE & BELL P.C. Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Gilmore & Bell P.C. and this is for legal services rendered and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the re-issuance of the 2020 debt certificates and the 2019 debt certificates, including rendering legal opinions relating to the re-issuance and miscellaneous consultation and advice in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Gilmore & Bell P.C. . Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC -
#10** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #10 and this claim needs to be tabled at this time.

**NAVIGATE BUILDING
SOLUTIONS** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions and this is for June, 2021 Construction Services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

REND INVESTMENTS LLC Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Rend Investments LLC and this is for August, 2021 Rental of Property for Construction parking in the amount of \$900.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Rend Investments LLC. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**BOARD OF REVIEW - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Board of Review and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON
BI-COUNTY HEALTH - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin Williamson Bi-County Health and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOSPITAL BOARD - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin Hospital and recommends Ron Knox to replace Joyce Ragan's unexpired three year term ending August 31, 2021.

Neil Hargis made a motion to appoint Ron Knox to the Franklin County Hospital Board to fill Joyce Ragan's unexpired term. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

**HILL CITY WATER
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Hill City Water District and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER, & SHERIFF
REPORTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, June, 2021; Franklin County Coroner, June, 2021; and Sheriff, for service from May 18, 2021 thru July 18, 2021.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**ROE ANNUAL &
QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the Regional Superintendent of Schools Annual Report of Activities from July 2020 thru June 2021 and Quarterly Reports of Activities April 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021 report from Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent and he asked Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent to explain. Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent explained the Annual Report of Activities and Quarterly Report of Activities in the Committee meeting earlier this evening.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve this reports as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated a closed session is need to discuss personal negotiations and asked for a motion at this time 6:55 pm.

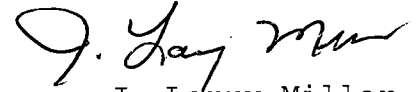
John Gossett made a motion to go into closed session. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

Kevin Weston made a motion to resume to open meeting at 7:41 pm. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Brad Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kash seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder