

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Nov 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis. 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 Matt Donkin, John Gulley, Neil Hargis, Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Alan Price, Jack Warren and Kevin Weston. Randall Crocker was absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Amos Abbott, E-911 Director; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Phillip Butler, States Attorney; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; John Gossett, County Board Member elect; Mitch Garrett, Professional Land Surveyor; Dwayne Williams and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis asked the public if there were comments at this time. Dwayne Williams asked about the heating and a/c system at the jail. Kevin Weston commented.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Matt Donkin made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 29, 2020 Special County Board Meeting and November 4, 2020 Additional County Board Meeting. 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. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

EAGLES VIEW FOR COUNTY AERIAL - CONTRACT

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the first item on the agenda is the contract with Eagle View for County Aerial and he asked Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments to explain. Cindy Miklos stated that E-911 office will pay \$20,000, County Highway will pay \$20,000, and the Supervisor of Assessments office will pay \$40,000 for a total of \$80,000 to be paid over a three year period.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the contract for Eagle View. Matt Donkin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2020-13.

2021 COUNTY CALENDAR

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the 2021 Tentative County Calendar for Committee Meetings, County Board Meetings, Holidays and Pay days.

Jack Warren made a motion to make the change and addition to the 2021 Tentative County Calendar as requested. Larry Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said 2021 Tentative County Calendar is made a part of these minutes.

DELINQUENT TAX PROGRAM

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

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

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2020-33 & 2020-43.

**JOHNSON SUBDIVISION
- APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Johnson Subdivision and he asked Mitch Garrett, Professional Land Surveyor to present said subdivision. Mitch Garrett, Professional Land Surveyor, presented the subdivision and he asked the County Board for approval. Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments, explained why they needed to do a subdivision plat.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the Johnson Subdivision as presented. Larry Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said subdivision is made a part of these minutes as document number 2020-4686 recorded on November 19, 2020.

**AUTHORIZING \$10
MILLION OF DEBT
CERTIFICATES -
ORDINANCE**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an ordinance authorizing \$10 Million of Debt Certificates and he asked Steve Verecellino, County Treasurer to explain. Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer explained that doing this will lower the interest rate.

John Gulley left the meeting before the voting took place.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance authorizing \$10 Million of Debt Certificates. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2020-06.

**ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS -
ORDINANCE**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,250,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) and he asked Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer to explain. Steve Vercellino explained that the County will be combining the loans for the Juvenile Detention Center and the first loan on the Campbell Building remodel.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of the these minutes as Ordinance No. 2020-07.

**BINA PUBLIC HEARING
- RESOLUTION**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the resolution calling a BINA public hearing on December 7, 2020 at 6:15 PM.

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

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2020-44.

2021 BUDGET

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the 2021 Budget and the County Board discussed to extend the budget to November 23, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

ANNUAL LEVY

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the annual levy and the County Board discussed to extend the annual levy to November 23, 2020 at 4:30 PM.

DQ HOME LUMBER

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the DuQuoin Home Lumber claim for counter top and brackets in the amount of \$390.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to DuQuoin Home Lumber. 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.

NAVIGATE BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions claim for October 2020 Preconstruction 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.

LOYD ELECTRIC & STEEL SUPPLY

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Loyd Electric & Steel Supply claim for cover light in the amount of \$176.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Loyd Electric & Steel Supply. 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.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, October monthly report; Franklin County Coroner, October monthly report; and Franklin County Sheriff report for service from October 20, 2020 thru November 16, 2020.

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

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CONTINUATION

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that this meeting needs to be continued until Monday, November 23, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to approve the 2021 Annual Budget and Levy for December 1, 2020 thru November 30, 2021. Matt Donkin made a motion to approve the continued meeting. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.



Neil Hargis
Interim Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder