

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jan 13, 2017

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The January 13, 2017, Special Meeting of the Franklin County Board was called to order at 3:30 pm, in the County Board Room on the third floor Franklin County Courthouse by Chairman Randall Crocker.

## **ROLL CALL**

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were Randall Crocker, Neil Hargis, Stephen Leek, Danny Melvin, Robert Pierce, Alan Price, David Rea, Tom Vaughn, and Jack Warren.

Also attendances were John Gulley, Franklin County Treasurer; Don Jones, Sheriff of Franklin County; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Evan Owens, States Attorney; Mike Rolla, County Engineer and other interested parties.

Chairman Randall Crocker explained the purpose of this meeting is to consider a proposed resolution which place a sales tax increase proposition on the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election Ballot in the amount of one per cent (1%). The proposed increase would be used solely for public facilities' purposes, pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5, for the construction of a new Franklin County Courthouse and has a proposed "sunset" provision of 20 years. The board may take action on the proposed resolution at the special meeting.

## **CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A 1% SALES TAX INCREASE ON THE BALLOT**

Chairman Randall Crocker opened the meeting to the public. Rocky Morris talked about the Campbell Building and what the building would be used for after it was finished and if the building would be used after the new court house is built (if the courthouse is built). Chairman Randall Crocker followed up with his thoughts about the use of the Campbell Building if the court house is built. Some offices would be left at the Campbell Building to save cost of the new court house.

Chairman Randall Crocker wanted the public to give their input on where the court house possible could be built.

Chairman Randall Crocker talked about what would happen to the old court house. And that a third party that might want the current court house. They would have to have the ability to maintain the facility. Rick from the Benton Evening News wanted to know why we were doing it in the April election. Chairman Randall Crocker explained that the time is the issue.

Stephen Leek said the motion was very easy to understand.

Evan Owens, States Attorney explained the statute on the language that has to be used on the ballot.

Jack Warren and David Rea explained the need for the new court house and there thoughts that this is the best way to go about it.

Alan Price made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Danny Melvin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except for Robert Pierce voted no.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-01.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the Board if there were any questions. Danny Melvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman Randall Crocker declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Randall Crocker

Franklin County Board Chairman

  
Greg Woolard

County Clerk and Recorder