

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Dec 17, 2019

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### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Election Office in the Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois by Chairman Randall Crocker.

### ROLL CALL

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

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Keith Ward, Recycling Coordinator; Sheriff David Bartoni, Phillip Butler, States Attorney; Mike Rolla, County Engineer and other interest parties.

### PLEDGE

Chairman Randall Crocker lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the public if there were comments at this time. No comments at this time.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 2nd Additional County Board Meetings Minutes. Larry Miller 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

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

**EMA ASSET TRANSFER  
CAR TO ZEIGLER  
POLICE DEPARTMENT -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the EMA Department transferring an asset to the Zeigler Police Department and he read a letter / email from Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management requesting the County Board's approval to donation a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor sedan to the City of Zeigler.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve the donation to the City of Zeigler. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter / email is made a part of these minutes.

**2020 PART TIME PAY -  
RATE CHANGES**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the 2020 Part Time Pay Rate changes and he presented and explained that it is mandated by the state effective January 1, 2020 that the hourly minimum wage rate will be \$9.25 and then July 1, 2020 will increase to \$10.00 per hour.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the 2020 Part Time Pay rate changes. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote all voted yes.

Said Department of Labor wage rate change is made a part of these minutes.

**CANNABIS ORDINANCE &  
RAISE TAX TO 3% -  
REPEAL PREVIOUS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the ordinance for Prohibiting the Sale of Recreational Cannabis & Establishing a County Cannabis Retailers' Occupation Tax in the County of Franklin, Illinois. Chairman Randall Crocker explained that the state says we can raise the tax from 0.75% to 3.0% so Phillip Butler, States Attorney recommended raising this to 3.0%.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2019-11.

**TREASURER & COUNTY  
CLERK - PURCHASE  
WORK STATIONS &  
MONITORS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of work stations & monitors for the Treasurer and County Clerk offices and he presented a proposal from Concepte of Illinois Inc. to replace the existing workstations then he explained that he recommends the County should purchase work stations and microsoft subscriptions for Windows 10.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of work stations from Concepte of Illinois Inc. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Alan Price voted no.

Said proposal is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CLERK - TRAVEL  
REQUEST**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the travel request for Greg Woolard, County Clerk and he read a letter requesting to approve travel expenses to attend the Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders conference in Springfield on January 27th thru January 29th. The amount of \$590.00 will be for registration fee, mileage and lodging for three nights.

John Gulley made a motion to approve the travel request as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE  
(105 ILCS 5/3-6)  
STATEMENT OF  
CONDITION OF FUNDS**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools presented the Illinois School Code Statement of Condition of Funds at the Committee Meeting and he asked for approval.

Matt Donkin made a motion to approve the report as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said report is made a part of these minutes.

**DELINQUENT TAXES -  
RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2019-42 and 2019-94.

**COUNTY ENGINEER  
SALARY - RESOLUITON**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for County Engineer salary and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present the resolution from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained that is resolution states that my salary is \$110,400 and a 2% raise for 2020 that is set by the state and he presented an agreement for the County Engineer's Salary between the Department of Transportation and the County of Franklin.

Alan Price made a motion to approve the resolution and agreement as presented. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution and agreement are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2019-95 and Agreement No. 2019-15.

**BENTON EVENING NEWS  
BUILDING - APPROVE  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR  
DEMOLITION**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve advertisement for bids of demolition of Benton Evening News Building and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present the proposal for the advertisement and specifications for demolition. Mike Rolla, County Engineer informed the County Board that all bids must be in by January 6, 2020 by 12:00 P.M. and the bids will be opened at the County Board Meeting on January 6, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the advertisement and specifications for demolition as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said advertisement and specifications for demolition are made a part of these minutes.

**CAMPBELL BUILDING  
CONSTRUCTION -  
CHANGE ORDERS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Campbell Building Construction change order and he presented a quote from Comm Squad to install cell phone boosters for the basement of the Campbell Building for a total of \$4,478.00.

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

Said quote from Comm Squad is made a part of these minutes.

**BI-COUNTY HEALTH - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on agenda is an appointment to the Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Board to fill Steve Leek's unexpired term ending June 30, 2020 and he recommends Matt Donkin.

Alan Price made a motion to appoint Matt Donkin to the Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Board to fill Steve Leek's unexpired term. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Matt Donkin abstained.

**CROSSWALK COMMUNITY  
ACTION AGENCY - 2  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda are two appointments for the Crosswalk Community Action Agency, Cindy Page and Jim McPhail's terms will end December 31, 2019.

Alan Price made a motion to reappoint Cindy Page and Jim McPhail to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency for a two year term ending December 31, 2021. Matt Donkin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**GREATER EGYPT  
REGIONAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION - 2  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is two appointments to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission and he informed the County Board that Cindy Humm three year term will expire December 31, 2019 and a County Board member needs to be appointed to fill Steve Leek's unexpired term ending December 31, 2021 and he recommends Kevin Weston to fill this vacancy.

Jack Warren made a motion to reappoint Cindy Humm to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission for a three year term ending December 31, 2022 and to appoint Kevin Weston to fill Steve Leek's unexpired term ending December 31, 2021. Larry Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote all voted yes except Kevin Weston abstained.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S MERIT  
BOARD - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Sheriff's Merit Board and Murphy Hart's term will expire December 1, 2019 and recommends for him to be reappointed.

Alan Price made a motion to reappoint Murphy Hart to the Franklin County Sheriff's Merit Board for a six year term ending December 1, 2025. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**REND LAKE AREA  
TOURISM COUNCIL - 3  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the three appointments for Franklin County Tourism Council but the correct name is the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council and recommends reappointing Kathy Crawford, David Freeman and Kristy Vercellino for three year terms ending December 31, 2022.

John Gulley made a motion to reappoint Kathy Crawford, David Freeman and Kristy Vercellino to the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council for three year terms ending December 31, 2022. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY JAIL  
COMMISSION - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment for Franklin County Jail Commission and he stated that this appointment needs to be tabled at this time.

**RIVER CITY  
CONSTRUCTION**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the River City Construction claim for the Campbell Building Renovations in the amount of \$506,821.50.

Ray Minor made a motion to paid the claim for River City Construction. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said River City Construction claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**SHAWNEE PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Shawnee Professional Services claim for the Courthouse - preliminary fieldwork, land surveyor calculations, research, drafting of plat of survey and title work in the amount \$7,400.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to paid the claim for Shawnee Professional Services. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Shawnee Professional Services claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**NAVIGATE BUILDING  
SOLUTIONS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions claim for November, 2019 Preconstruction Services payment in the amount of \$17,505.00.

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

Said Navigate Building Solutions claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**HEARTLAND OFFICE  
SUPPLY**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is Heartland Land Office Supply claim for storage boxes for the move to the Campbell Building - Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and County Clerk offices in the amount of \$328.92.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Heartland Land Office Supply. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Heartland Land Office Supply claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

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

Chairman Randal Crocker stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, Franklin County Coroner, and Franklin County Sheriff.

Alan Price 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.

**REGIONAL  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
SCHOOLS - QUARTERLY  
REPORT**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools presented the Regional Office of Education #21 for quarterly report of activities from July 1, 2019 thru September 30, 2019 at the Committee Meeting.

Said quarterly report is made a part of these minutes.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the Board if there were any questions. Matt Donkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Warren 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