

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AT

11:00 AM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jan 10, 2020

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

The January 10, 2020, Special Meeting of the Franklin County Board was called to order at 11:00 AM, 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, Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Alan Price, Jack Warren and Kevin Weston. John Gulley and Neil Hargis were absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Dave Bartoni, Sheriff; Phillip Butler, States Attorney; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Court Reporters, Channel 3 News, Rocky Morris, Tom Carter, Ken Bruzinski, Bob Rea, Courtney Cox, West Frankfort Gazette, John Gossett, White & Borgognoni Architects, Navigate Building Solutions and several other interest parties.

## **PLEDGE**

Chairman Randall Crocker lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **BUDGET FOR THE NEW COURTHOUSE - DISCUSSION**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed everyone that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget of the New Courthouse and he asked if anyone had any comments at this time.

Rocky Morris and Tom Carter said building looks so go that we should get rid of the idea of a new courthouse.

Public wanting to move courthouse off the square.

Chairman Randall Crocker explained when the Campbell Building is done then we will have an open house for the public to view.

Chairman Randall Crocker explained that the courthouse was presented to the public to be built on the square and that the plans are not the final results there maybe changes made.

Todd from Navigate Building Solutions spoke about the cost the look of the building that was presented to the public. He explained the due diligence of the County Board. He talked about parking & traffic flow. He explained that Finstrest did a survey of what Franklin County would need. Todd explained how they came to the square footage of the new courthouse.

Gail from White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. explained how the court should be laid out. And Gail explained each floor of the building and its function. The basement and three floors above grade 50,000 square foot building.

Todd explained that Navigate Building Solutions and White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. gave a ruff estimate of the cost not the final numbers that will be from contractors bids. Todd gave an estimate to build both Campbell Building and Courthouse would be 23 million. Todd explained how they were cutting cost getting it to 20 million. And should they cut the size of the building.

Gail explained that they may only finish part of the basement, first floor was to compact for it to be smaller. Possible start the new building in July 2020.

Chairman Randall Crocker explained about parking and the demolition of the Benton Evening News building.

Chairman Randall Crocker then explained why the basement is not double as a solution due to court standards, safety standards. He also explained interest cost that would be added to the construction.

Question: Built on site or panel sections?

Answer: White - steel, masonry on site.

Discussion on basement / no basement is next important decision.

Chairman Randall Crocker announced the next County Board meeting will be January 21st and he said he appreciated the showing by the public.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the Board if there were any questions. Kevin Weston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Minor 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