

DATE July 6, 2021

**PUBLIC SAFETY (Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control,  
Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services, Animal Control)  
DECEMBER, 2020 THRU NOVEMBER, 2021  
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH  
COUNTY BOARD ROOM AT THE CAMPBELL BLDG. AT 5:30 P.M.\*\*\*\***

COMMITTEEMEN:

- John Gossett - Chairman
- Randall Crocker
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Mark Kash – Waste Management
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services (left after Finance Meeting)
- Jack Warren – Animal Control
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

County Offices

- Amos Abbott, Director 911
- David Bartoni, Sheriff - arrived at 5:51 PM
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- Sarah Popham, JDC Superintendent
- Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- Thad Snell, Animal Control Supervisor
- Judge Tom Tedeschi,
- Monica Urban, Probation
- Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- Greg Woolard, County Clerk

Guests.....Tom Carter, Rocky Morris, Angela Evans, Mary Snider and other interested parties.

MINUTES: \*\*\*\* **Those attending were requested to follow CDC Guidelines.**

Chairman John Gossett called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM. See above list of those attending the meeting.

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Chairman Gossett informed the committee that due to restrictions on American Rescue Funds, his I-57 plan could not be funded.

Gossett then asked Franklin County Coroner Marty Leffler to explain his needs...

- The current EMA office building, on Park Street, will be available due to EMA moving to Campbell Building sometime next year.
- He would like to convert that building to office and morgue facility.
- After speaking to one source, a morgue facility could, with basic equipment, be equipped for under \$15,000. This does not include any changes needed in the current structure.
- Leffler was asked to get additional quotes for several step-up ideas that were mentioned (freezer, generator, possible entrance area for loading/unloading, etc). He will be reporting back to the committee.
- A question was raised concerning Covid Death Benefits and Leffler said some people were already receiving the benefits. There are conditions on if it is, and how much is, paid on a per case basis. He encourages those applying for the benefits to complete all forms as best as possible.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller's update included...

- All county board members are allowed to sit in and observe labor negotiations, and are encouraged to do so.
- American Recovery Funds should be used in ways that do not obligate the county for future budget funding.
- Projects to benefit county residents should also be a priority.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Minutes submitted 7/15/2021

John Gossett, Chairman - Health and Environment Committee

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Guests..... Rick and Barb Linton (RLATC), Pam Boyd (SCT) and other interested parties.

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Chairman John Gossett called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM. See above list of those attending the meeting.

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Pam Boyd, Franklin County's SCT Board member gave an update on the service for Franklin County. (See attached). She mentioned due to a schedule change for Continental Tire in Mt. Vernon, SCT changed a route in order to help those Franklin County residents who were employed there. During the following discussion of the service, the county will be posting routes on the website.

Sheriff David Bartoni provided the board with Franklin County Sheriffs Office Fleet Management information and explained his vehicle needs for the next few years. He presented information on buying/leasing the vehicles he would need. It is still to be determined in ARP funds can be used for vehicles.

Bartoni also presented a quote from NovaCom to update their radio system. This will be on a future meeting for approval.

Chairman Gossett mentioned the item on the agenda to move the Coroner's office into the county building on 401 W. Park, when it is vacated by EMA. He also mentioned the coroner is gathering information for, possibly, a morgue and autopsy room.

Gossett had spoken to EMA Director Ryan Buckingham and was told the Covid cases are beginning to rise again. Gossett urged those present to do research on wearing masks...

- Danish Study
- Washington University Study
- New England Journal of Medicine
- Marine Study on Ormanager.com
- Fauci e-mails (recovered by FOIA request)

Missing road signs in rural areas were again discussed with no current resolution for the problem. County Board chairman Larry Miller is looking into some ideas.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir spoke again on the Women's Advocate location in the future Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Minutes submitted 7/29/2021

John Gossett, Chairman- Health and Environment Committee

Franklin County  
July 2021

SCT's Franklin County office is located in West Frankfort.

SCG employs 2 supervisors, 5 full time drivers, and 1 part time driver.

Franklin county ridership,:

Fiscal Year 2019-50,885 riders

Fiscal Year 2020-38,872 riders

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:00pm

Public Demand (scheduled rides) Curb to Curb  
or Door to Door Adults, Children and Seniors

## County Wide Service

### Shuttles

Redbirds-Monday thru Friday, 7:00am to 5:00 pm (West Frankfort, Benton, Whittington, Ina, Mt. Vernon) Effective 1/04/2021 Midday service only 10:00 am to 2:00pm)

Olive-Monday thru Friday with limited weekend service, 5:00am to 12:05 am (West Frankfort, Marion, Benton, Whittington, Ina, Mt. Vernon)

Rangers-Monday thru Friday, 7:00am to 5:00am to 12:05am (Benton Intra-city route)