

DATE: April 4, 2016

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, ZONING,
RABIES (DOG POUND), EMERGENCY SERVICES, 9-1-1,
CENTRAL DISPATCH, TOURISM, ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENT,
BI-COUNTY HEALTH BOARD, INSURANCE & SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS
DECEMBER, 2015 THRU NOVEMBER, 2016
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH
COUNTY BOARD ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE AT 4:45 P.M.**

COMMITTEEMAN:

- () Tom Vaughn - Chair - Central Dispatch
- () Neil Hargis - Economic Development - Animal Control
- () Steve Leek - Supervisor of Assessments - Mapping
- () Jack Warren - ADA/Zoning
- () Danny Melvin - Bi County Health Board - Solid Toxic Waste
- () David Rea - Emergency Services - 911
- () Kenny Hungate - Economic Development
- () Alan Price & Tom Vaughn - Tourism/Economic Development
- () Randall Crocker - County Board Chair - Insurance

MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 4:56 p.m. by Kenny Hungate acting as chair in the absence of Tom Vaughn. Not present were Alan Price and Tom Vaughn, in attendance were, Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones, Franklin County Clerk, Greg Woolard, Franklin County Treasurer, John Gulley, Franklin County Circuit Clerk, Nancy Hobbs, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Matt Donkin, Franklin County Engineer, Mike Rolla, Franklin County Supervisor of Assessments, Cindy Humm, Franklin County Board Administrative Assistant, Gayla Sink, Franklin County Recycling Coordinator, Keith Ward and other interested parties.

Kenny Hungate reported on the Rend Lake tourism council.

Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones reported the Franklin County Jail had a population of 97 and had 115 over the weekend.

Discussion was held concerning the drainage ditch at the Franklin County Jail. Franklin County Engineer, Mike Rolla is to submit a estimated cost to replace said drain and a letter will be sent to the city of Benton concerning shared cost.

Regional Superintendent of Schools, Matt Donkin submitted and explained a report on activities in his department, a copy of said report is hereby attached as a part of these minutes.

Randall Crocker reported Franklin County Emergency Management Director, Ryan Buckingham had received a USDA grant to purchase a new vehicle and was applying for a grant for vehicles for Animal Control and Franklin County Sheriffs Department.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted 4/5/16

Kenny Hungate, acting chair, Health and Environment Committee

Quarterly Report
to the
Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson County Boards
(as required by 105 ILCS 5/3-5)

Submitted for
March 2016 County Board Meetings

By:

Matt Donkin

Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools

for

Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Office of Education #21

Summary of Activities of the Regional Superintendent Reported to the Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson County Boards for March 2016 Meetings (in addition to daily interaction with public and schools regarding questions, supervision of office activities, and participating with student educational-focused groups)

Week of November 29, 2015

Attend Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) – Egyptian Division Legislative Breakfast Mtg. – Rend Lake Conf. Ctr. – 12/1.
Attend Johnson Co. Christmas Luncheon – 12/1.
Participate in Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) Officer Call – 12/1.
Attend CASA of Franklin Co. Bd. Mtg. – Benton – 12/1.
Attend Southern Illinois Workforce Development Bd. Mtg. and Dinner – Herrin – 12/1.
Attend breakfast with Franklin Co. Superintendents – Benton – 12/3.
Host ROE 21 Superintendent’s Mtg. – Marion – 12/4.
Distribute School Facility Sales Tax – 12/4.
Work Basketball Game – West Frankfort at Christopher – 12/4.
Work YMCA Youth & Government Pre-Leg II – Williamsville HS – 12/5.

Week of December 6, 2015

Attend John A. Logan College Adult Education Area Planning Council Mtg. – Carbondale – 12/7.
Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Cmte. Mtgs. – 12/7.
Participate in Health and Life Safety Inspection with Fire Marshall of Frankfort Community HS – West Frankfort – 12/8.
Attend Illinois Association of School Business Officials Post-Mtg. Lunch – Marion – 12/8.
Work Basketball Game – Eldorado at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 12/4.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Akin Grade School – 12/9.
Participate in YMCA Youth and Government Fiduciary Board Mtg. / Call – 12/9.
Chair Franklin Co. CTE Mtg. – Benton – 12/10.
Participate in ISBE/ROE Conference Call – 12/10.
Attend Williamson Co. Educational Services Exec. Bd. Mtg – Marion – 12/11.

Week of December 13, 2015

Participate in Interview with Tom Miller – WJPF-1340 AM – Carterville – 12/14.
Participate in State-wide System of Support (SSOS) Grant Fiscal Agent Monthly Mtg./Conference Call – 12/14.
Attend Williamson Co. CEO Mtg. – Marion – 12/14.
Attend Massac Co. Bd. Mtg. – Metropolis – 12/15.
Participate in SSOS Balanced Assessment Core Team Conference Call – 12/15.
Attend IARSS Area V Mtg. as Vice-President – Edwardsville – 12/16.
Participate in SIWDB Mtg. – 12/17.
Attend Williamson Co. Bd. Mtg. – 12/17.
Work Basketball Game – Sesser-Valier at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 12/19.

Week of December 20, 2015

Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Cmte. Mtg. – Benton – 12/21.
Attend Frankfort CUSD 168 Board of Education Mtg. re: Expulsions at FIS – 12/21.
Participate in Phone Conference call with Education Sec’y Dr. Beth Purvis – 12/22.
Attend Johnson Co. Bd. Mtg. – Vienna – 12/22.
Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Mtg. – 12/22.
Work Basketball Game at Eldorado Holiday Tournament – Duff-Kingston Gym - 12/26.
Attend Sesser-Valier Holiday Tournament – SV vs. Thompsonville – 12/26.

Week of December 27, 2015

Distribute School Facility Sales Tax – 12/29.
Work 3 Basketball Games at Eldorado Holiday Tournament – Duff-Kingston Gym - 12/28-29.

Week of January 3, 2016

Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Cmte. Mtgs. – Benton – 1/4.
Attend IASA – Shawnee Div. Mtg. – JALC – Carterville – 1/5/16.
Attend IARSS Exec. Cmte. & General Membership Mtgs. – Springfield – 1/6-7.

Attend CJHS Girls' Basketball Game – West Frankfort – 1/7.
Attend Mtg. at Vienna High School – Vienna – 1/8.
Work Basketball Game – West Frankfort at Herrin – Memorial Gym – 1/8.
Work Basketball Game – Sparta at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 1/9.

Week of January 10, 2016

Participate in SSOS Fiscal Agent Mtg. Call – 1/11.
Attend Southern Illinois P-20 Council Mtg. – Carbondale – 1/11.
Interviews with WSIU-FM / KFVS TV-12 / WSILT-TV 3 – 1/11.
Attend Johnson Co. Bd. Mtg. – Vienna – 1/12.
Attend Williamson Co. Sp. Ed. Exec. Bd. Mtg. – 1/15.
Work Basketball Game – Massac Co. at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 1/15.
Work Basketball Game – Mid-Winter Classic at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 1/16.

Week of January 17, 2016

Work 15 Basketball Games – Mid-Winter Classic at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 1/18-23.
Attend Five-County Vocational Mtg. – Shawnee College – Ullin – 1/19.
Attend JAMP Special Education Exec. Bd. Mtg. – Shawnee College – Ullin – 1/19.
Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Cmte. Mtgs. – Benton – 1/19.
Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Mtg. – Benton – 1/19.
Attend West Frankfort Chamber of Commerce Dinner – West Frankfort – 1/21.

Week of January 24, 2016

Attend DHS – Education and Self Sufficiency Initiative Workgroup Mtg. (Dr. Purvis) – Springfield – 1/25.
Attend Johnson Co. Bd. Mtg. – 1/26.
Attend Massac Co. Bd. Mtg. – 1/26.
Attend CASA of Franklin Co. Mtg. – 1/26.
Attend West Frankfort at Benton Girl Basketball Game – Rich Herrin Gym – 1/26.
Attend Breakfast – Franklin Co. Superintendents – Benton – 1/28.
Attend Johnson Co. Government Building Tours – Vienna – 1/28.
Work Basketball Game – Harrisburg at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 1/29.

Week of January 31, 2016

Attend IASA – Shawnee Div. Mtg. – JALC – Carterville – 2/1.
Attend Franklin Co. Bd. Cmte. Mtgs – Benton – 2/1.
With County Clerk Greg Woolard Register Voters at Frankfort CHS and Thompsonville HS – 2/2.
Work Basketball Game – DuQuoin at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 2/2.
With County Clerk Greg Woolard Register Voters at Sesser-Valier HS/Christopher HS/Zeigler-Royalton HS/Benton CHS – 2/3.
Attend IARSS Area VI Mtg. – Mt. Vernon – 2/4.
Host ROE 21 Superintendent's Mtg. – Marion – 2/5.
Work Basketball Game – West Frankfort at Benton – Herrin Gym – 2/5.

Week of February 7, 2016

Participate in SSOS Fiscal Agent Call – 2/9.
Attend IASBO Mtg. – 2/9.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Vienna High School – 2/10.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Vienna Grade School – 2/10.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Buncombe Grade School – 2/11.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at New Simpson Hill Grade School – 2/11.
Participate in ISBE/ROE Conference Call – 2/11.
Attend Williamson Co. Educational Services Exec. Bd. Mtg. – 2/12.
Participate in IARSS Legislative Cmte. Conference Call – 2/12.
Work Basketball Game – Herrin at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 2/13.

Week of February 14, 2016

Attend SSOS Fiscal Agent Mtg. – Springfield – 2/16.
Follow up with HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Massac Co. Jr. High and Participate with Inspection at Metropolis Grade School – 2/17.

Attend SIWIB Youth Advisory Council Mtg. – MANTRACON – Marion – 2/17.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Jefferson School in Massac Co. – 2/18.
Participate in IARSS Officers Conference Call – 2/19.
Participate in IARSS Legislative Cmte. Conference Call – 2/19.
Attend Williamson Co. Retired Teachers Mtg. – Crab Orchard CC – Cartersville – 2/19.
Work Basketball Game – West Frankfort at Massac Co. – Memorial Gym – 2/19.

Week of February 21, 2016

Attend Williamson Co. CEO Mtg. – Marion – 2/22.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Unity Grade School – Massa Co. – 2/23.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Brookport Grade School – Massac Co. – 2/23.
Attend Massac Co. Bd. Mtg. – Metropolis – 2/23.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Maple Grove Grade School – 2/24.
Participate in HLS Inspection with Fire Marshall at Joppa High School – 2/24.
Participate in IARSS Leadership Call with Dr. Beth Purvis – 2/25.
Participate in IARSS/ISBE Conference Call – Districts of Innovation with State Supt. Dr. Tony Smith – 2/25.
Attend CASA of Franklin Co. Mtg. – 2/25.
Work Basketball Game – Murphysboro at West Frankfort – Morris Gym – 2/26.

Week of February 28, 2016

Attend IARSS Officer Mtg. with Illinois Principals Association (IPA) – Springfield – 2/29.
Attend IARSS Exec. Cmte. / General Membership Mtg. – Springfield – 2/29 – 3/1.
Interview with WSIL-TV 3 – 3/2.
Conduct “Mini” Compliance Visit – Benton CHSD 103 – 3/2.
Conduct “Mini” Compliance Visit – Thompsonville CUSD 174 – 3/2.
Conduct “Mini” Compliance Visit – Herrin CUSD 4 – 3/3.
Conduct “Mini” Compliance Visit – Christopher CUSD 99 – 3/3.
Distribute School Facility Sales Tax – 3/4.
Conduct “Mini” Compliance Visit – Cartersville CUSD 5 – 3/4.
Conduct “Mini” Compliance Visit – Johnston City CUSD 1 – 3/4.
Attend Class 3A Regional – Wilson Gym – Marion HS – 3/4.

Bold indicates visits to schools.

Blue indicates ROE Sponsored or Directed Program.

Activities Conducted by ROE Personnel July 1, 2015 – Present

The Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson County ROE serves schools in the following districts and cooperatives:

Akin CCSD 91	Ewing-Northern CCSD 115	New Simpson Hill SD 32
Benton CCSD 47	Frankfort CUSD 168	Sesser-Valier CUSD 196
Benton CHSD 103	Goreville CUSD 1	Vienna ESD 55
Buncombe SD 43	Herrin CUSD 4	Vienna HSD 13-3
Cartersville CUSD 5	Johnston City CUSD 1	Thompsonville CUSD 174
Christopher CUSD 99	Joppa-Maple Grove CUSD 38	Zeigler-Royalton CUSD 188
Crab Orchard CUSD 3	Marion CUSD 2	
Cypress SD 64	Massac CUSD 1	

Five County Regional Vocational System

Franklin County Regional Delivery System for Career and Technical Education

Franklin-Jefferson Special Education District

JAMP Special Education Services

Williamson County Education Services (Special Education / CTE / Early Childhood)

Truancy (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

*** Staff includes Angie Forby, David Stewart, James Haley, and Colton Foster. ***

*** The Truant Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP) grant which ROE #21 uses to operate its truancy programs is written in conjunction with the Alexander-Jackson-Perry-Pulaski-Union ROE #30/Franklin-Williamson Cooperative. ***

Franklin County (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Tardy Letters Sent – **0**.
- Step One Letters Sent – **71 / 163**.
- Step Two Letters Sent – **28 / 74**.
- Step Three Letters Served (Truancy Review Board) – **6 / 32**.
- Met with the other three ROE 21 Truancy Officers.
- A plan with common steps was discussed for all four counties and presented.
- Forms used for the Truancy program have been distributed.
- Truancy Officer is visiting individual schools.
- Truancy Officer is working with other legal and social program officials to address current requests.

Johnson County (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Tardy Letters Sent – **0**.
- Step One Letters Sent – **23 / 37**.
- Step Two Letters Sent – **5 / 12**.
- Step Three Letters Served (Truancy Review Board) – **0 / 0**.
- Met with the other three ROE 21 Truancy Officers.
- A plan with common steps was discussed for all four counties and presented.
- Forms used for the Truancy program have been distributed.
- Truancy Officer is visiting individual schools.
- Truancy Officer is working with other legal and social program officials to address current requests.

Massac County (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Tardy Letters Sent – **0**.
- Step One Letters Sent – **17 / 25**.
- Step Two Letters Sent – **7 / 11**.
- Step Three Letters Served (Truancy Review Board) – **5 / 5**.
- Met with the other three ROE 21 Truancy Officers.
- A plan with common steps was discussed for all four counties and presented.
- Forms used for the Truancy program have been distributed.
- Truancy Officer is visiting individual schools.
- Truancy Officer is working with other legal and social program officials to address current requests.

Williamson County (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Tardy Letters Sent – **0**.
- Step One Letters Sent – **136 / 208**.
- Step Two Letters Sent – **72 / 98**.
- Step Three Letters Served (Truancy Review Board) – **22 / 22**.
- First Truancy Review Board Mtg. scheduled for December.
- A plan with common steps was discussed for all four counties and presented.
- Forms used for the Truancy program have been distributed.

- Truancy Officer is visiting individual schools.
- Truancy Officer is working with other legal and social program officials to address current requests.

Teacher Certification Activity for both counties

- Public School Service Personnel Employed – Not currently available because of the state’s change from the Educator Certification System to the Educator Licensure Information System.

Fingerprinting Services for Background Checks (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

Franklin County (Available first week of each month)

- Served – 70 / 177.

Williamson County (Available last 3 weeks of each month)

- Served – 141 / 489.

Johnson County (**Opened the last day of November 2105**)

- Served – 23 / 23.

Massac County (Available before the end of September 2015)

- Served – 63 / 135.

GED Testing – Computer Based – Given at John A. Logan College (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Numbers of people attending test sessions – 50 / 137.
- Certificates earned – 7 / 18.

School Bus Driver Training (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Trainings have been hosted in all 4 counties.
- Initial Trainings Held – 4 / 12.
- Drivers Served in Initial Training Classes – 34 / 90.
- Refresher Trainings Held – 3 / 10.
- Drivers Served in Refresher Trainings – 8 / 232.

Ex-officio Secretary for the Regional Board of School Trustees

- Re-organization meeting held 8/3/15. After resignations, there is one vacancy.
- Current members include President: Larry Mizzell (Jo. Co.); John Gardner, Jr. and David Goss (Fr. Co.); Sue Barfield and Todd Sumner (Ma. Co.); and Shawn Tuthill (Wm. Co.).
- Two hearings were held, one on 8/3 and after recessing and re-convening, was concluded on 8/10.
- Board appointed Rob Cash (Wm. Co.) effective 10/5/15.
- A hearing was held at the continued meeting of 10/5 on 10/26/15.
- Quarterly meeting for January was cancelled for lack of business.

McKinney/Vento Federal Homeless Grant Personnel

***ROE 21 is the Fiscal Agent for this federal grant in the southern 24 counties that make up Area VI of the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS)*

- Homeless Students Identified since July 1, 2015:

- > ROE #21 – 837.
 - Franklin – 333.
 - Johnson – 119.
 - Massac – 45.
 - Williamson – 340.
- > Area VI – 3,731.

ROE 21 Advisory Board

- Board formation is in the process of being re-organized after consolidation.
- Needs Assessment information gathered in preparation for a meeting.

Professional Development (Outside of SSOS-related work which includes free PD):

- Professional Educator License Trainings for Teachers and Administrators are offered on site to districts throughout ROE 21. Staff members have provided and will continue to provide one-on-one assistance to educators throughout the region.
- Upcoming Administrator Academy #1603 Quality Assessment Design – 10/14.
- Mt. Vernon Conference – Mt Vernon High School – 10/30.
- Holocaust Education Training – Carterville – 11/4.
- Curriculum Networking Session – Herrin – 11/19.

SSOS Grant Program (State-wide System of Support)

The Franklin-Williamson Regional Office of Education #21 was awarded the SSOS Fiscal Agent Grant for FY14 for Area VI of the IARSS. This grant period began 7/1/2013.

- The Illinois Center for School Improvement under the guidance of the American Institute of Research and ISBE hired Area Assistant Director Kurt Endebrock, as well as District Liaisons Cheryl Patterson-Dreyer, and Joy Battagliotti. Angie Mills has been moved from the coaching position to a District Liaison. They work through the facilities of ROE 21.
- ROE 21 was authorized by IL CSI and ISBE to hire 2 District Assistance Team Coaches. Hired were Kevin Junk and Shlonda Horton.
- Through the Statewide System of Support Fiscal Agent Grant, ROE #21 worked to provide foundational services to districts throughout Area VI. There are seven initiatives targeted throughout this grant. Those initiatives are: Rising Star/ Continuous Improvement Planning; English Language Arts (ELA); Math; Teacher Evaluation; Balanced Assessment; Family Engagement and Science
- The Regional Superintendent is a member of one of the initiative's Core Planning Teams at the State level.
- Two Area Coordinators are in place for each of the five initiatives for a limited number of days. They participated in a State-Level training for each initiative and will have conference calls throughout this year. Several State-wide trainings have taken place since July. The Area Coordinators will be training ROE level Service Providers in Area VI. Up to two representatives from each ROE in Area VI will continue to attend this training. The ROE Service Providers will take this training back to districts and schools in their respective regions. ROE 21 is proceeding with planning and holding trainings throughout the fiscal year
- English Language Arts Training for Grades K-2 – Marion – 9/21.
- English Language Arts Training for Grades 3-5 – Marion – 9/22.
- English Language Arts Training for Grades 6-8 – Marion – 9/23.
- English Language Arts Training for Grades 9-12 – Marion – 9/24.
- Next Generation Science Standards Training – Herrin – 10/1.
- Mathematics Implementation Training – Herrin – 10/7.
- Family Engagement Training- Herrin – 10/8.
- Teacher Evaluation Training-Herrin – 10/19.
- Teacher Evaluation Training-Herrin – 11/6.
- Teacher Evaluation Training-Herrin – 11/13.
- Next Generation Science Networking Session – 12/9.
- Teacher Evaluation Networking Session – 1/28/16.
- English Language Arts Writing to Read Training – 2/18/16.
- Next Generation Science Tools for the Classroom Training – 2/26/16.

Health and Life Safety

- Personnel issued one Certificates of Completion for school construction in Franklin County.
- Personnel issued one Building Permit for Franklin County
- In conjunction with the state fire marshal's office, personnel conducted walk through Health Life Safety Annual Inspections for 20 schools in Williamson County.
- In conjunction with the state fire marshal's office, personnel conducted walk through Health Life Safety Annual Inspections for 5 schools in Franklin County.
- In conjunction with the state fire marshal's office, personnel conducted walk through Health Life Safety Annual Inspections for 6 schools in Johnson County.
- In conjunction with the state fire marshal's office, personnel conducted walk through Health Life Safety Annual Inspections for 11 schools in Massac County.
- Personnel attended 4 Annual Review of Emergency Procedures in Williamson County
- Personnel attended 2 Annual Reviews of Emergency Procedures in Johnson County
- Personnel approved school district Annual Review of Emergency Procedure Reports: 8 in Franklin County; 6 in Johnson County; 2 in Massac County; 7 in Williamson County.
- Personnel approved 10 Year Safety Survey/Amendments: 1 in Johnson County; 1 in Massac County; 4 in Williamson County.

Community Prevention Resources

- This grant was funded beginning 7/1/12.
- This is a direct service sub-grant of Franklin-Williamson ROE 21.
- Funded for 3 FTE: Martha Head, Director; Dave Lustenberger, Project Manager; and Lindsay Edmonds, Prevention Specialist. Edmonds left in December and was replaced by Kate West.
- Purpose of grant:

- > Increase the availability of high-quality prevention services that have the greatest potential to impact factors that contribute to ATOD consumption and consequences of 11-18 year olds.
- ROE 21 has been funded to provide PRESCRIBED evidence based services in **Franklin, Williamson, and Saline Counties**. These services are limited to:
 - > Communication Campaign targeting youth (Implementation Phase) at Central Jr. High School in West Frankfort, and Harrisburg Middle School in Harrisburg. This is the continuation of a program already being implemented in these schools.
 - > Communication Campaign targeting youth (Implementation Phase) at Eldorado Middle School.
 - > Communication Campaign targeting communities (Implementation Phase) in Franklin County, Saline County, and the City of Marion.
 - > Creation of Underage Drinking Coalitions in Franklin, Williamson, and Saline Counties. The goal is to utilize the coalition to expand our reach of service even further to schools and communities.
- Based on recommendations from SAMHSA, the Department will focus on the Strategic Prevention Framework and Coalitions. It is their hope that these coalitions will be able to sustain efforts at a community level.
- Major emphasis is placed on efforts to curb underage drinking, as data indicates this to be the greatest substance abuse problem with youth.
- Works in partnership with the Center for Prevention Research and Development (U of I Chicago) to promote the participation of Illinois schools in the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS).
- Works in partnership with the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) to ensure Illinois' compliance with the federal SYNAR regulations. These regulations require all states to reduce the sale of tobacco products to minors by enacting and enforcing minimum-age tobacco laws. CPR staff accompanies ILCC staff on vendor compliance checks in southern Illinois upon request.

Franklin County Regional Delivery System for Career and Technical Education

- ROE serves as Fiscal Agent for the cooperative.
- George Hopkins, Director.
- Betty Musgrave – Partnerships for College and Career Success/Programs of Study Coordinator (retired/working on 500-hour basis).
- Sharon Winkler, Credit Generation Technician and Special Populations Coordinator (part-time) – left 8/15.
- Brian Rick, Credit Generation Technician, Prof Development facilitator, and Special Populations Coordinator (part-time thru Dec 14, 2015, then full time.) Mr. Rick will be the FCRDS Building Trades, and possibly CAD drafting instructor for the 2016-17 school year.
- Serves the following high schools: Benton Consolidated H.S., Christopher H.S., Frankfort Community H.S., Sesser-Valier H.S., Thompsonville H.S., and Zeigler-Royalton H.S.
- Supports programs in Agricultural Education, Business, Marketing, and Computer Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Technology and Engineering, Health Science Technology.
- Programs are supported through state and federal grants designed to supplement CTE programs. Allowable expenditures for these grants include: Instructional materials, instructional equipment (capital outlay), supplements of salary to ensure affordability of qualified instruction, tutorial services, and improvement of instruction activities.
- The Fr. Co. RDS for CTE funds provide supplemental funds for (K-8) Career Development programs at Akin CCSD 91, Benton CCSD 47, Christopher CUSD 99, Ewing-Northern CCSD 115, Frankfort CUSD 168, Sesser-Valier CUSD 196, Thompsonville CUSD 174, and Zeigler-Royalton CUSD 188. A new program for 2013-14 school year is that of providing for 7-8 graders in the county the Career Cruising on-line career exploration software and licenses.
- Conducts Workshops and hosts ISBE-sponsored professional development for educators in Franklin and Jefferson Counties per the CTE/Perkins Programs of Study requirements.
- FCRDS for CTE prepares and submits to Illinois State Board of Education various reports regarding program operation, assessment, and improvement.
- Submits required information to ISBE regarding Vocational classes being offered—student participation information is now being submitted by individual schools.
- A new Family and Consumer Sciences Program (Home Ec., Culinary Arts, Child Care, etc.), including new FCS Lab, has been added to Christopher High School, and Horticulture class has been added to Frankfort Comm. High School for the 2015-16 school year.

Grants Managed and Status for FY 2015

- **As of June 30, 2015, all funds for CTEI and Perkins grants for FY 2015 have been received and spent in accordance with the rules and regulations of the grants.**

Grants Managed and Status for FY 2016

\$255,691 CTEI Grant

Allotment shows a slight decrease from last year's original application

amount, likely due to a modest decrease in student enrollment in CTE classes.

Amended to \$259,172 for CTEI

Additional \$3,481 captured through recent amendment, approved 10/2015
To date, \$146,453 has been received from ISBE for this program.

\$78,220 in Federal Perkins Grant

This federal allotment represents an approximate **\$5,000** increase in last year's amount. To date, \$13,342 has been received from ISBE for this program.

- All Franklin County high schools have received their allotment figures for funds to be spent on CTE programming for FY 16.
- Per Intergovernmental Coop Agreement regulations and Board of Control authorization, CTE Director Hopkins published notice of Joint Agreement Budget hearing 30 days in advance of hearing. Hearing was conducted at 10 a.m. on 8/11/15, in Room 23 of Regional Office of Education 21.
- This office scheduled 1st quarterly meeting of BOC on Thursday, 9/3/15. Meeting took place at Buzz Restaurant with all BOC member schools represented.
- Betty Musgrave, Programs of Study/Partnerships for College and Career Success Coordinator, is now facilitating the 16th Annual Southern Illinois Builders Association's Southern Illinois Construction Trades Career Expo, held at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds on 10/6-10/8/15.
- Other activities and staff development workshops scheduled to date include: Family and Consumer Sciences Ed teacher update—9/24 at J.A. Logan, 5-8 p.m.; Business Ed teacher update—9/28; Math Connections Workshop-- 10/2; Career Expo—10/7-9; Student Services (Counselors) meeting w Williamson Co.—10/15; Career Cruising Wkshp—11/5; Connections Math Wkshp—12/9; Writer's Workbench—1/28/16; School visits to Building Trades classes at Carlisle High School and Mater Dei High school by CTE employee Brian Rick and two county superintendents—2/11/16.

Star Quest Regional Safe School Program

- Current enrollment at Johnston City Center – **17**.
- Total number of students served this year – **27**.
- Current enrollment at Metropolis Center – **10**.
- Total number of students served this year – **10**.

Project ECHO Alternative School

- Current enrollment at Johnston City Campus – **70**.
- Total number of students served this year – **134**.

ECHO Juvenile Detention Center Program (contracted with Benton CHSD 103 and Benton CCSD 47)

- Current enrollment at Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center – **10**.
- Total High School students served this year – **155**.
- Total Elementary students served this year – **25**.

Technology Program

- ROE is currently re-evaluating technology support and in-service programs for schools in ROE 21 in the light of diminished funding.
- ROE staff is assisting school districts regarding advisory calls while using a fee for service model with two districts on more direct services.

Coats for Kids, Inc.

- Co-hosted successful Golf Scramble with Egyptian Building Trades to raise funds for late Fall needs in July.
- Coordinating distribution of funds to schools in Area VI.

KIDS Foundation Program (coordinated through ROE) (# Dec. 1 – Feb. 29 / Year to Date)

- Families served in Franklin and Williamson Counties – **22 / 91**.

Franklin-Williamson ROE 21 Office Staff July 1, 2015 – Present

Name	Home	Title
Franklin County Office		
Matt Donkin	Fr	Reg. Supt.
Janis Thomas	Fr	Clerical
Suzanne Willmore	Fr	Office Mgr. / Licensure
Rhonda Huff	Fr	Accounting / Int. Control
Mandy Horn	W	Director Prof. Dev./Licensure
Scott McBride	S	Network Specialist
Sharon Winkler	Jf	Voc. Sp. Pop. Dir. (Resign 8/15)
Angie Forby	Fr	Truancy
Brian Rick	W	Voc. Sp. Pop. Dir. (Begin 10/15)
Shlonda Horton	Jf	SSOS DAT Coach (Part-Time)
George Hopkins	W	Vocational System (Part-Time)
Betty Musgrave	W	Program of Studies Coord. (Part-Time)
Williamson County Office		
Tim Bleyer	W	Asst. Reg Supt. (88 days)
Elaine Little	W	Asst. Reg Supt. (78 days)
Paul Oldani	W	Asst. Reg Supt. (95 days)
Martha Head	S	Community Prev. Resources Direct
David Lustenberger	W	Community Prev. Res. Project Mgr.
Lindsay Edmonds	Ja	Com.Prev.Res. PrevSpec.(R 12/31)
Kate West	Un	Com.Prev.Res. PrevSpec.(Bg. 1/16)
Johna Schullian	W	Comptroller/Office Mgr
Colton Foster	W	Clerical / Truancy
Sandra Hubbard	Fr	Clerical
Christine Laser	Ja	SSOS DAT Coach
Kevin Junk	Ja	SSOS DAT Coach (Begin 9/25/15)
Mickey Sullivan	W	Hmless Grnt (Prt-time) Began 8/15)

Name	Home	Title
Johnson County Office		
Britney McClellan	Jo	Cleric (Split w/ Ma.Co.-Bgn 11/15)
David Stewart	Jo	Truancy (Part-time Began 8/15).
Massac County Office		
Janice Barrett	Ma	Clerical
James Haley	Ma	Truancy (Part-time - Began 8/15)
Steve Karraker	M	Homeless Liaison (P-T Began 12/1)

Name	Home	Title
Project ECHO Alternative School		
Lorie LeQuatte	W	Principal
Jeff Bink	Fr	Asst. Principal
Deanna Morris	Fr	Administrative Assistant
Traci Stroud	W	Secretary
Brad Cullum	W	H.S. Instructor - Math
Gina Grant	W	H.S. Instructor
Kim Howard	W	H.S. Instructor
Susan Roberson	Fr	Jr. Hi. Instructor
Jim Toms	Fr	H.S. Instructor
Ken Joggerst	-	H.S. Instructor (Part-time)
Mario Allois	Fr	Custodian (Part-time)
ECHO Detention Center Program		
Lori Ray	Fr	Instructor
Ryan Ashmore	W	Instructor (Resign 1/16)
Jeff Hammonds	Fr	Instructor (Began 2/16)
Anthony Bechelli	Fr	Instructor
STAR Quest Academy Regional Safe School N/S		
Lorie LeQuatte	W	Director
Jeffrey Bink	W	Assistant Director
Deanna Houseworth	Fr	Instructor - North Campus
Kaleigh Minton	W	Instructor - North Campus
Jeremy Holley	Ma	Instr. - South Campus (Bgn 10/15)
TBA	Ma	Teacher Aide - South Campus

Regional Superintendent and Assistants are paid by the State.

Employees shown in **Purple** are County employees.

Employees shown in **Maroon** are County funded employees.

Employees in **Green** are additions since July 1.

Employees in **Red** are resignations since July 1.

All others are paid from state or federal grant funds or from General State Aid.

Total on February 29:

Full-time: 32

To Be Filled: 1

Part-time: 12

DATE: April 18, 2016

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT, ZONING,
RABIES (DOG POUND), EMERGENCY SERVICES, 9-1-1,
CENTRAL DISPATCH, TOURISM, ECONOMIC, DEVELOPMENT,
BI-COUNTY HEALTH BOARD, INSURANCE & SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS
DECEMBER, 2015 THRU NOVEMBER, 2016
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH
COUNTY BOARD ROOM AT THE COURTHOUSE AT 4:45 P.M.**

COMMITTEEMAN:

- (x) Tom Vaughn - Chair - Central Dispatch
- () Neil Hargis - Economic Development - Animal Control
- (x) Steve Leek - Supervisor of Assessments - Mapping
- (x) Jack Warren - ADA/Zoning
- (x) Danny Melvin - Bi County Health Board - Solid Toxic Waste
- (x) David Rea - Emergency Services - 911
- (x) Kenny Hungate - Economic Development
- (x) Alan Price & Tom Vaughn - Tourism/Economic Development
- (x) Randall Crocker - County Board Chair - Insurance

MINUTES: The meeting was called to order at 5:26 p.m. by chair, Tom Vaughn. Not present was Neil Hargis, in attendance were, Franklin County States Attorney, Evan Owens, Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones, Franklin County Clerk, Greg Wollard, Franklin County Circuit Clerk, Nancy Hobbs, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Matt Donkin, Franklin County Engineer, Mike Rolla, Franklin County Board Administrative Assistant, Gayla Sink, Franklin County Recycling Coordinator, Keith Ward, and other interested parties.

Franklin County States Attorney, Evan Owens stated amendments were being made to the Animal Control policy and would be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Franklin County Sheriff, Don Jones stated the current jail population was 90, discussion followed.

Franklin County Board Administrative Assistant, Gayla Sink announced the appointments on the agenda for the regular April meeting.

Randall Crocker discussed the agenda for the regular April meeting.

Tom Vaughn reported on Animal Control and stated more animals were being adopted through the face book media and the efforts of Animal Control Supervisor, Thad Snell. Mr Vaughn reported on the finances and the upcoming events of the Tourism Council.

Mr Vaughn submitted a article concerning the Franklin Hospital and the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital, Hervy Davis , discussion followed, a copy of said article is hereby attached as a part of these minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

(Over)

Bringing It Home



STRATEGY SESSION

How 360 Degree Engagement Saved Franklin Hospital

by Hervey Davis, CEO, Franklin Hospital, with Pat Schou, Executive Director, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network

Of the many challenges rural hospitals face today, the most heart-wrenching is, "Can we keep our doors open?" Our hospital, Franklin Hospital, was on the chopping block twice, but hospital board, community, state and national diligence – and cooperation – saved local access to healthcare. Today, the hospital is fully operational, financially secure and growing. We serve as an example that when all looks bleak for a small, rural hospital, there is hope.

A southern Illinois public hospital located in the small, economically depressed rural community of Benton, Franklin Hospital's first near-closure threatened 20 years ago, before today's cycle of rural hospital struggles began. But our story isn't old news; in fact, I believe the steps to our success can help rural hospitals in trouble today.

The Setting

Benton, population 7,000, is the county seat of Franklin County (population 39,000). The hospital competes with five prospective payment system hospitals, two 25 miles to the north, two 20 miles to the south and one 35 miles away in the college town of Carbondale. There are nine critical access hospitals (CAHs) within a 50-mile radius. The CAHs compete for medical and technical staff but tend not to compete for patients.

The county suffers from high unemployment and a large indigent population. As a result, a third of Franklin County patients are either covered by Medicaid or are uninsured. This directly influences the payer mix of the hospital.

Until about 1990, jobs in southern Illinois were plentiful due to large, local deposits of high-sulfur coal. The Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990 caused utility companies to stop buying the coal, whose burning is often associated with production of acid rain. Mines closed, and jobs were no longer plentiful. Profitable operation of hospitals in the area became difficult.

In fact, in 1995, the Franklin Hospital District Board was told by its auditors that, absent an influx of cash, the hospital would close. Fortunately, Southern Illinois Healthcare (SIH) had, at that time, as part of its mission, horizontal integration of the area's healthcare market. SIH presented a management contract, which was signed with Franklin Hospital in late October 1996. First closing averted.

Unfortunately, many small, rural hospitals suffered under the federal prospective payment system in the late 1990s (before institution of the CAH

program), and SIH incurred losses of more than \$10,000,000. Five years after saving us from closure, SIH leaders realized Franklin Hospital's operations were not sustainable.

In 2001, SIH informed the Franklin Hospital Board that it would no longer manage and operate the hospital. The board then tried to sell the hospital through a broker, but there were no takers due to the area's financial history. By spring 2002, Franklin Hospital owed large management fees to SIH and had no access to funding to remain open. Hospital board members, thinking there was no other choice, voted to close the facility.

Distraught community members contacted the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) seeking another option. Two weeks later, after IDPH helped commission a financial feasibility study, the Franklin Board again voted this time to remain open. In the four months that followed, the hospital stripped services to the bare minimum, downsizing to two beds, keeping only the emergency room and essential services open. A loan for operating capital was secured. Through hard work and sheer tenacity, the hospital reassessed and revamped.

With time, full operations were restored, and despite the region's continued economic hardships, hospital service lines and our associated clinic have grown. *Access for our neighbors was pared down, but never lost.* This is a key element for struggling hospitals to bear in mind today.

What Worked?

Bottom line, it was bringing in the right leadership and the fortuitous alignment of the right partnerships.

Working with the Franklin Hospital Board, the community leaders contacting IDPH found the timing to be perfect. IDPH's federal plan to implement the CAH program had just been approved, and an experienced rural hospital consultant was appointed to meet with Franklin Hospital's staff. Together, the hospital and key community stakeholders were able to recruit a seasoned chief executive officer with the desired necessary financial and leadership skills. (I humbly note that being recruited for this role warms me to this day.)

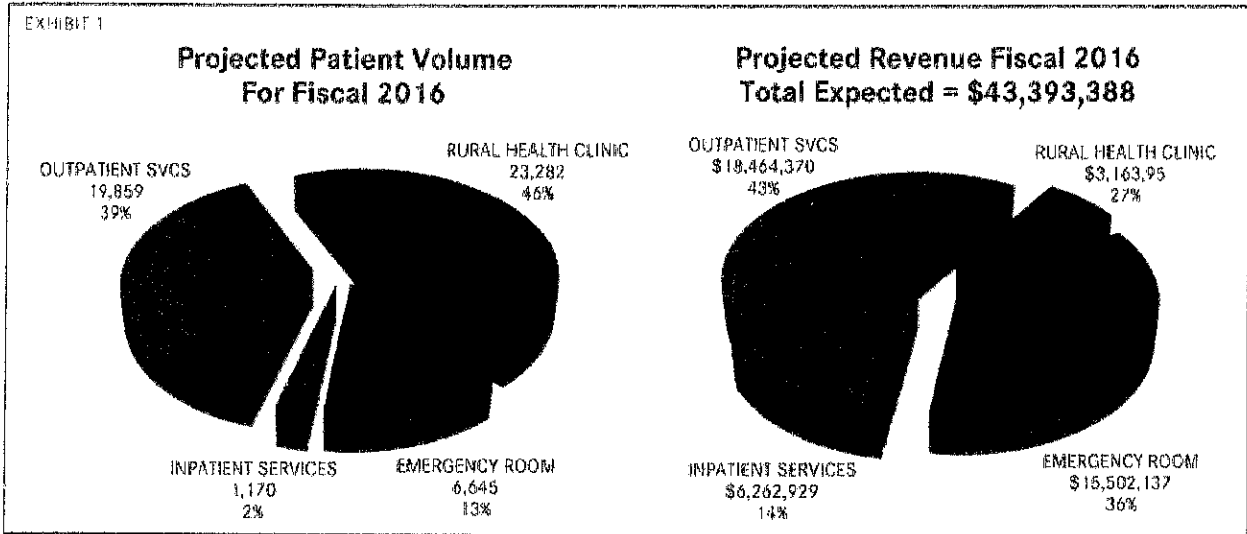
The task at hand was to restart hospital operations and manage with an unbelievably tight budget. As a newly-hired CEO, not only was I tasked with rebuilding the medical staff, but also with reopening basic hospital departments and once again generating community confidence in the hospital and its medical providers.

I'm forever grateful for the working relationships established while serving as a CEO in other small, rural Illinois hospitals. In rebuilding Franklin Hospital, these relationships proved invaluable. *With our administrative team, new relationships with both the community and state agencies were forged.*

During this period, the Franklin Hospital Board of Directors gave me its support and acted on the tough decisions necessary to restart an operation from scratch. *Everyone had to be on the same page, being creative and committed to the long term success of the hospital.* The community was fully behind its hospital, recognizing not only the need for healthcare access, but also its role as an economic catalyst for maintaining and growing local businesses.

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We have come full circle, and the 360 degree engagement of all entities – from our local hospital board to our patients, the community as a whole, and state/federal agencies – tells our story.



Fast Forward to 2016

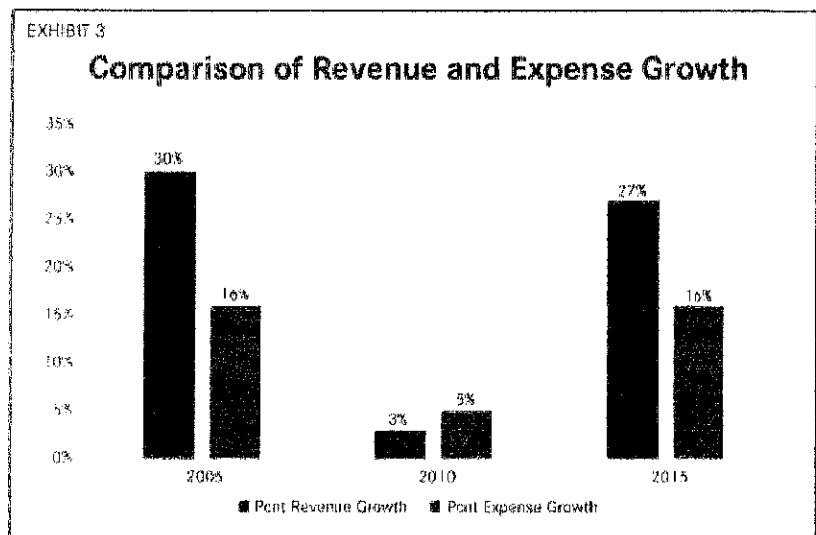
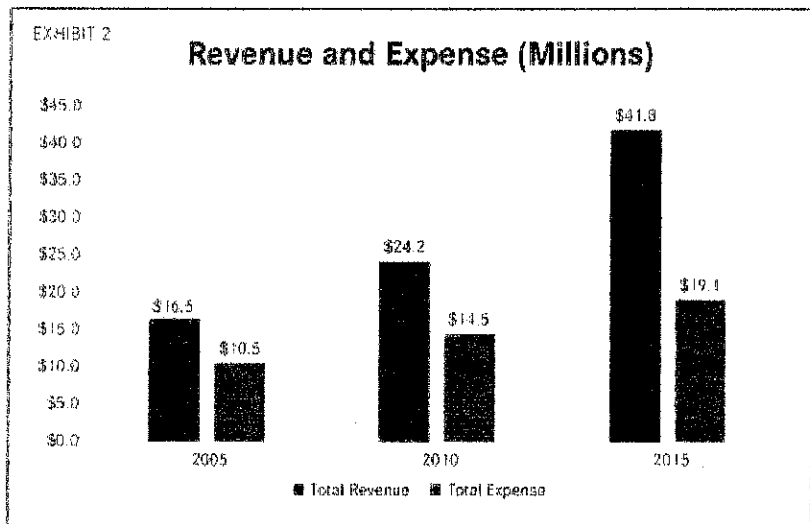
Today, Franklin Hospital is still serving the Benton community. Our emergency room volume is about 6,700 patient visits per year, down from 9,600 in 2004. Rural Health Clinic visits for 2016 are projected at slightly over 23,000, up from zero in 2004. (See Exhibit 1 above.)

Franklin Hospital has been able to shift many unnecessary, avoidable emergency department visits to its rural health clinics. This reduces overall cost of care by moving provision of care to less expensive outpatient modalities. [Emergency room registration costs a patient (or an insurance company) over \$2,300, whereas a rural health clinic registration comes in at around \$136.]

Review of Exhibit 2, revenue and expense growth over a 10-year period, indicates positive results for the hospital from an overall perspective. Between 2005 and 2015, hospital revenues grew from about \$16.5 million to almost \$42 million.

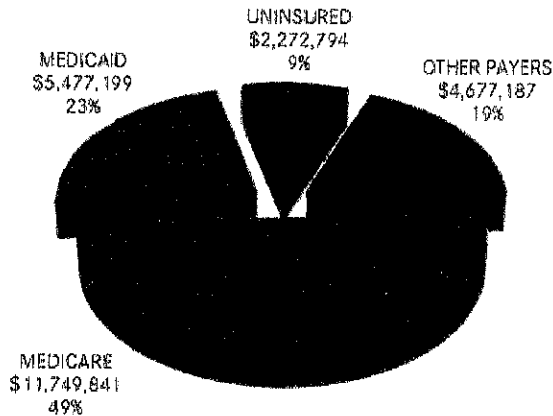
Exhibit 3 shows that expenses grew at a smaller rate than the corresponding revenue. For example, between 2010 and 2015, revenue grew by 27% and expenses by 16%. Revenue growth is important in keeping a hospital viable, but we have never shifted from the mindset of our tightest budget days, believing it is equally important to proactively control expenses.

Finally, payer mix has radically changed through the years. In 2010,

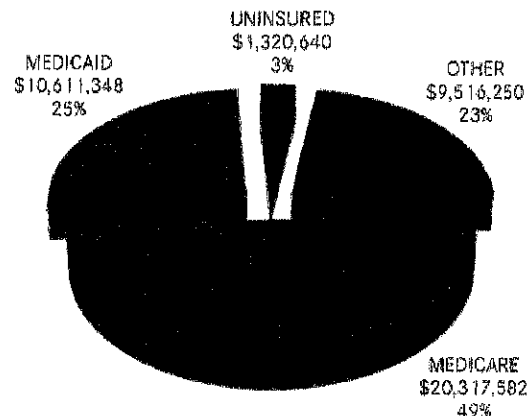


Changes in Payer Mix

Payer Mix – Fiscal 2010
Total Revenue = \$24.2M



Payer Mix – Fiscal 2015
Total Revenue = \$41.8M



nearly 9% of revenue generated was for “self-pay” or uninsured patients. By the end of 2015, the percentage had dropped by roughly 6%, and the total charges for that piece of the pie dropped by nearly half, if adjusted for inflation.

Medicaid and “other” (primarily commercially insured patients) grew substantially. Part of the growth came from the state of Illinois’s willingness to utilize Medicaid expansion to fulfill Affordable Care Act requirements for covering the healthcare needs of the indigent. A portion of the growth came because of successful recruiting efforts on the part of the hospital.

Overall, the effect on the hospital’s viability has been dramatic and a real improvement for our outlook. We attribute a great deal of our success to the state’s willingness to expand Medicaid; in states where the Medicaid program was not expanded, many rural hospitals like ours have closed.

The Net Effect

Patients now have the option to locally access a great primary care system (hospital plus rural health clinics). Our neighbors are receiving primary care in the appropriate venue. This keeps them out of the emergency room and inpatient beds because, overall, they are getting good, solid preventive treatment

in their doctors’ offices close to home. This saves the state of Illinois the cost of transporting Medicaid patients to facilities 25 miles or more outside the county, and long term, it will save millions of dollars in the cost of providing chronic condition care to these patients.

And, again, our hospital is showing an excess of income over expenses. While we will never be immensely profitable, our hospital is able to make it on its own and serves as an important economic engine for the area.

We have come full circle, and the 360 degree engagement of all entities – from our local hospital board to our patients, the community as a whole, and state/federal agencies – tells our story. It took all of us, working together, to bring Franklin Hospital back home from near closure. We share our story to help other rural hospitals. Our message is, “You, too, can keep your doors open. You can find solutions. Continuing to bring healthcare home to your citizens is possible, and it is priceless.”



Hervey Davis is Chief Executive Officer of Franklin Hospital, Benton, Illinois. He joined the organization in September 2002, when the hospital drastically reorganized to avoid closing. The Franklin Hospital’s phoenix-from-the-ashes story has been featured on the pages of *Modern Healthcare* magazine and was most recently presented at the American Hospital Association’s 2016 Health Forum Rural Health Care Leadership Conference held in February.

Mr. Davis appreciates the time and assistance of his friend and colleague, Pat Schou, in writing this article. Ms. Schou is Executive Director of the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN). ICAHN is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation established in 2003 for the purposes of sharing resources, providing education, promoting efficiency and best practices, and improving healthcare services for its member CAHs and their rural communities.

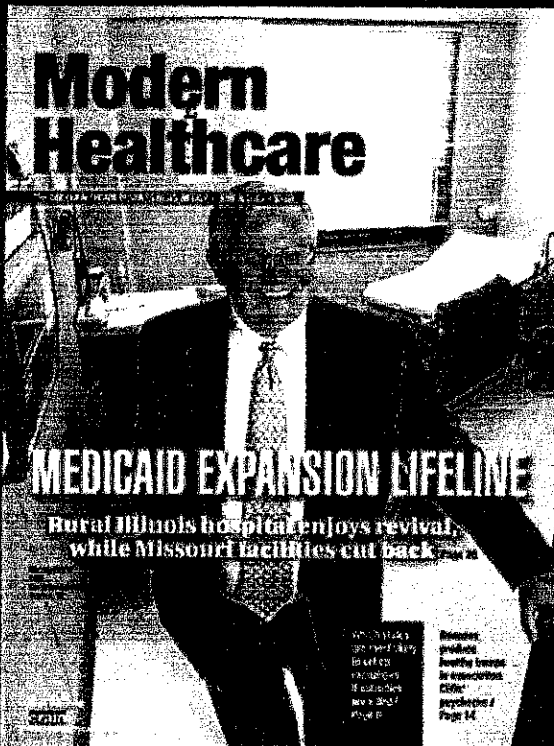
Lessons to be learned from the Franklin Hospital experience:

- Keep the faith. Don't let your local healthcare resources slip away. Invest in strong administrative leadership and, as a board, let them lead.
- Make your involvement with your state and federal legislators a priority. Typically, your legislators are dedicated people interested in making your town, your county and your state a success and a good place to live. Your hospital, if not the largest employer in a rural area, will rank in the top three. Your involvement is not only needed, it is welcomed by local and state leadership.
- Stay involved with your healthcare partners by keeping in touch with your state hospital association and the American Hospital Association. If you have the privilege of having a critical access hospital network that you can be a part of, get involved in that organization as well. Seek out leadership positions in these organizations.

What were the major events that allowed Franklin Hospital to stay open and grow?

There were several, but the most critical had to do with financing and reimbursement factors:

- The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided a loan of \$4,000,000 for operating capital to kick-start hospital operations. It should be noted that normal USDA provisions for approving loans were waived (typically, operating capital loans are not made by the USDA). Without this operating capital, the hospital would not have been able to take those first steps away from closing the doors.



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Franklin Hospital's story was featured in the June 8, 2015, edition of Modern Healthcare.

- The hospital was certified as a critical access hospital (CAH). This provided cost-based reimbursement for the facility from the Medicare program. Between the cost-based reimbursement on the Medicare side of the ledger and the 20% of business that was covered by commercially insured patients, there was enough cash to operate the hospital for the first few years.
- In 2010, the Illinois Legislature passed a law that gave CAHs cost-based reimbursement for outpatient Medicaid patients. This provided roughly \$1,000,000 in additional reimbursement for Franklin Hospital - increasing from about 10 cents on the dollar to about 22 cents on the dollar. (Cost, as computed on the Medicare cost report, is currently 29 cents on the dollar.)
- The state of Illinois made the decision to expand the Medicaid program, covering the healthcare needs of the indigent adult population of the state. This, for Franklin, caused the "self-pay" business of the hospital to shrink from about 9% of total charges to just under 4%. Adjusted for inflation, this equated to a decrease of about 50% of previous expectations.
- A well-qualified, dedicated, creative management team and board of directors worked in tandem.
- In addition to receiving necessary reimbursement from governmental sources, rural hospital operations were carefully overseen. Expenses were controlled, and revenue growth was pursued.