

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jun 20, 2017

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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 County Board Room 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, Neil Hargis, Stephen Leek, Danny Melvin, Robert Pierce, Alan Price, David Rea, Tom Vaughn, and Jack Warren.

Also attendances were Gayla Sink, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Keith Ward, Recycling Coordinator; Don Jones, Sheriff of Franklin County; Keith Jones, Franklin County Treasurer; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk and other interested 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. Rocky Morris wanting to know about Circuit Clerk audit. County Board explained it is still under investigation.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLAIMS**

Alan Price made a motion to pay the claims on file. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that a closed session is needed at this time.

Alan Price made a motion to go into closed session at 6:08 p.m. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Chairman Randall Crocker update about Circuit Clerk's position and what Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk and Evan Owens, States Attorney have discovered. Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk meet with a firm out of Alton about the audit. And that this figure gave him a ball park of about \$6,000 to \$8,000 per year. Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk explained there are missing receipts and many other reports that are missing for the years of 2013, 2014, 2015, & 2016. And that the data base from copy machines were deleted. Attorney General wants three years audits to investigate. Evan Owens, States Attorney think we need to move on this. Chairman Randall Crocker asked for a consensus from the County Board about starting this auditing firm. Full County Board approval wants a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Jack Warren made a motion to return from closed session at 6:46 p.m. Danny Melvin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ORDINANCE -  
CONCERNING FRANKLIN  
COUNTY FINANCE &  
DELINQUENT PAYMENTS  
OF REIMBURSEMENTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Ordinance concerning Franklin County Finance & Delinquent Payments of Reimbursements and stated that this ordinance needs to be tabled at this time.

**PREVAILING WAGE  
ORDINANCE**

Chairman Randall Crocker presented the County Board with the Prevailing Rate of Wages Ordinance. This is passed annually and recommended approval.

Alan Price made a motion to adopt the Prevailing Rate of Wages Ordinance as presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2017-03.

**DELINQUENT TAX  
RESOLUTION**

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.

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-26 thru 2017-27.

**CIRCUIT CLERK -  
EXTENSION ON AUDIT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Circuit Clerk extension on audit and he read a letter from Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk requesting for an extension to file the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2016 til July 31, 2017. Chairman Randall Crocker explained this audit is under investigation and that an extension is needed to complete the audit.

Tom Vaughn made a motion to approve the Circuit Clerk extension on the audit. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
TREASURER OFFICE - 2  
PART TIME HIRES**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Treasurer office two part time hires.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve the two part time hires for the Treasurer's office. Danny Melvin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
STATES ATTORNEY  
OFFICE - 2  
REPLACEMENT HIRES**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County States Attorney's office two replacement hires.

David Rea made a motion to approve the two replacement hires for the States Attorney's office. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ANIMAL CONTROL -  
RESIGNATION -  
REPLACEMENT HIRE**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Animal Control replacement hire and he explained, he would like to hire a part time replacement with the thought of making this a full time position at a later date.

Tom Vaughn made a motion to approve the Animal Control replacement hire. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**REND LAKE  
CONSERVANCY - 2  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is two appointments to the Rend Lake Conservancy District. Chairman Randall Crocker read a letter from the Rend Lake Conservancy District requesting that Keith Ward and Robert Walton be reappointed to another five year term ending June 30, 2022.

Danny Melvin made a motion to reappoint Keith Ward and Robert Walton to the Rend Lake Conservancy District for a five year term ending June 30, 2022. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN HOSPITAL  
BOARD - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin Hospital Board and he explained that Debbi Ricci has resigned and her term will end August 31, 2019.

Stephen Leek made a motion to appoint Jim Johnson to the Franklin Hospital Board to fill Debbie Ricci's unexpired term ending August 31, 2019. Danny Melvin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CLERK**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the County Clerk's monthly report to the County Treasurer.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the County Clerk's monthly report to the County Treasurer as presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said County Clerk's monthly report to the County Treasurer is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
SHERIFF**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Sheriff monthly report.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the Franklin County Sheriff as presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Sheriff's monthly report is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CORONER**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Coroner monthly report.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the Coroner's monthly report as presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Coroner's monthly report is made a part of these minutes.

**REGIONAL  
SUPERINTENDENT OF  
SCHOOLS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Regional Superintendent of School's Quarterly report.

Matt Donkin, FJMW Regional Superintendent of School's presented Quarterly report at the Committee Meeting Monday, June 19, 2017.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the Regional Superintendent of School's Quarterly report as presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Regional Superintendent of School's Quarterly report is made a part of these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the Board if there were any questions. Stephen Leek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Danny Melvin 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