

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Feb 21, 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 on the third floor Franklin County Courthouse 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, Jack Warren.

Also attendances were Gayla Sink, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Keith Ward, Recycling Coordinator; John Gulley, Franklin County Treasurer; Don Jones, Sheriff of Franklin County; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk and other interested parties.

## **PLEDGE**

Chairman Randall Crocker lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2017 Special Meeting; January 17, 2017 Regular County Board Meeting; and February 6, 2017 Special 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 to discuss personal.

Alan Price made a motion to have a closed session at 6:03 p.m. Danny Melvin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Danny Melvin made a motion to return to the regular meeting at 6:16 p.m. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker asked if there were any comments from the public. No one had any comments.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that Mike Rolla, County Engineer had nothing to present at this time.

**COUNTY MAINTENANCE**

Chairman Randall Crocker presented the County Maintenance Resolution to the County Board stating that \$789,500 is appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on the county or state highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code for the 2017 year.

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

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-09

**DELINQUENT TAX AGENT**

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.

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

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-10 thru 2017-13.

**SENIOR CITIZEN LEVY**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for Senior Citizens Levy and asked Stephen Leek to present said resolution.

Stephen Leek explained that this levy is to go to Senior Citizens and Franklin Hospital for meals and it would be paid out. He also informed the County Board that the Senior Citizens in West Frankfort are needing the second installment early.

Tom Vaughn made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-14.

**RESOLUTION LIMITING  
THE PROPOSED SALES  
TAX FOR CONSTRUCTION  
OF A NEW FRANKLIN  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the resolution Limiting the Proposed Sales Tax for Construction of a New Franklin County Courthouse and Keith Ward to read said resolution.

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2017-15.

**ACCEPTANCE OF  
CIRCUIT CLERK AUDITS,  
2013, 2014 & 2015**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the acceptance of the Circuit Clerk's audits for 2013, 2014 & 2015 and he explained this is pre Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk recommend these be approved.

David Rea made a motion to approve these three year of audits. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CIRCUIT CLERK EXIT  
AUDIT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Circuit Clerk's Exit Audit and he informed the County Board that this needed to be tabled at this time.

**CIRCUIT CLERK 2016  
AUDIT ENGAGEMENT  
LETTER**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Circuit Clerk 2016 Audit Engagement letter and he explained the amount of the audit would be \$7,000. Chairman Randall Crocker explained he would like Hudgens & Meyer CPA to be more prompt on getting this done and the possibility of maybe changing auditors. Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk said he would like to pay auditors on a performance basis.

Stephen Leek made a motion to accept the Circuit Clerk 2016 Audit Engagement letter as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Circuit Clerk 2016 Audit Engagement letter is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2017-01.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY 2016  
AUDIT ENGAGEMENT  
LETTER**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County 2016 Audit Engagement letter and he explained the amount of the audit would be \$49,000. Chairman Randall Crocker explained same as the Circuit Clerk's he would like Hudgens & Meyer CPA to be more prompt in finalizing the audits.

David Rea made a motion to accept the Franklin County 2016 Audit Engagement letter as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Franklin County 2016 Audit Engagement letter is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2017-02.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
TREASURER - LETTER  
OF RESIGNATION**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Treasurer letter of resignation and he read John Gulley's letter of resignation.

David Rea suggested that the whole County Board make the motion and second it as well.

All County Board members made the motion to accept the resignation of John Gulley as Franklin County Treasurer. All County Board members seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Said letter of resignation is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
TREASURER - INTERIM  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that now a Franklin County Treasurer Interim is needed to be appointed.

Stephen Leek made a motion to hire Pam Smith, Franklin County Treasurer Chief Deputy Clerk as the Interim Treasurer. Tom Vaughn seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CLERK - TRAVEL  
REQUEST**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the County Clerk's travel request and he read a letter requesting travel expenses to the Illinois Association of County Clerks and Recorders conference in Peoria on January 18th thru 20th, the reimbursement amount will be \$321.78 for registration fee, mileage to and from Peoria and two nights lodging.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the County Clerk's travel request. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
TREASURER'S OFFICE -  
REPLACEMENT HIRE**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the County Treasurer's office replacement hire.

Alan Price made a motion to allow the replacement hire in the Franklin County Treasurer's office. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**EMA TO TRANSFER OF  
ASSETS TO WEST CITY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the EMA to transfer of assets to the West City Fire Department and he read a letter from Chief Amos Abbott requesting that the EMA Department donate a vehicle to the fire department as a backup emergency response vehicle for fire incidents. The EMA Department has a 2004 Chevy Impala to be donated to the West City Fire Department.

David Rea made a motion to approve the donation of this vehicle to the West City Fire Department. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**COUNTY CLERK -  
MONTHLY REPORT**

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

Alan Price made a motion to approve the County Clerk's monthly report to the County Treasurer as presented. Stephen Leek 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.

**SHERIFF - MONTHLY  
REPORT**

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

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

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

**CORONER - MONTHLY  
REPORT**

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

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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