

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jan 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson. This meeting was held in the Franklin County Campbell Building, Courtroom A, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston, and Brad Wilson. J. Larry Miller and Neil Hargis were absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; David Bartoni, Sheriff; Marty Leffler, Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson asked the public if there were comments at this time. No one had a comment.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 20, 2021 Regular County Board Meeting; December 27, 2021 Special County Board Meetings Minutes. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Ray Minor made a motion to pay the claims on file. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the first item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (Brad Wilson) to execute deeds on the parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-01 and 2022-02.

**EASEMENT VARIANCE
FOR J & JB
TIMBERLANDS -
APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Easement Variance for J & JB Timberlands and he asked Mitchell Garrett from Shawnee Professional Services to explain. Mitch Garrett gave a presentation on the survey requesting permission from the County Board for a small (350 Sq. Ft.) easement for Ingress and Egress to serve J & JB Timberlands properities (+/- 1400 acres) across the Karnes Property and he is asking for approval.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the easement as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Easement Variance for J & JB Timberlands is made a part of these minutes.

**MAINTENANCE FOR MFT
COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS
- RESOLUTION**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the County Motor Fuel Maintenance Tax Resolution and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained to the County Board this is a resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code section number 22-00000-00-GM is hereby appropriated \$1,130,500.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2022 thru December 31, 2022 and he asked for approval.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-03.

**APPROPRIATING FOR
PAYMENT OF COUNTY
ENGINEER SALARY -
RESOLUTION**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for County Engineer salary and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present the resolution from the Illinois Department of Transportation - Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained that is resolution states that my salary is \$114,500 with a 2% raise for 2022 that is set by the state for the County Engineer's Salary between the Department of Transportation will pay half and the County of Franklin will pay the other half.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve 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. 2022-04.

**RELEASE CLOSED
SESSION MINUTES -
APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to release closed session minutes.

Ray Minor made a motion not to release closed session minutes. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DESTROY CLOSED
SESSION TAPES -
APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to destroy closed session tapes.

Ray Minor made a motion to destroy the closed session tapes. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
MILEAGE RATE**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Mileage rate agreement and he explained this rate is set by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Travel Reimbursement each year. This year it is \$0.58.5 / mile effective January 1, 2022.

Mark Kash made a motion to approve the mileage rate as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-01.

**PREMIUM HAZARD PAY
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Premium Hazard Pay Recommendations and this was discussed in the Committee Meeting earlier this evening. This Premium Hazard Pay for employees that were employed at any point during the time period of March 20, 2020 through June 30, 2021. This will include Nine Full-Time Franklin County Sheriff's Department Employees that have since left or retired will be paid \$9,000, Non-Union Full-Time Employees who's departments are not covered by contracts will be paid \$6,500, Union Employees that have left or retired from the County Clerk or Treasurer offices will be paid \$6,500, and Non-Union Part-Time Employees of all departments will be paid \$3,250.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the Premium Hazard Pay list as presented. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Premium Hazard Pay list is made a part of these minutes.

**PAYMENT ON COUNTY
HEALTH INSURANCE /
NON-UNION EMPLOYEES**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the payment on County Health Insurance / Non-Union Employees and he informed the County Board that a \$35.00 deduction on Non-Union Employees which will be the same amount as the Clerical Collective Bargaining Union Contract, this will begin on the February 4th pay date.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the non-union employees payment on County Health Insurance. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**PURCHASE OF NEW ESS
VOTING EQUIPMENT**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the purchase proposal quote of New ESS (Election Systems & Software) Voting Equipment was discussed in the Committee meeting earlier this evening and the total purchase cost will be \$356,065 to paid from the County's ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the purchase of ESS Voting Equipment. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said purchase proposal quote is made a part of these minutes.

**PURCHASE OF JAIL
CONTROL PANEL
REPLACEMENT**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the purchase of Jail Control Panel Replacement and Sheriff Dave Bartoni discussed this at the Committee meeting earlier this evening informing the County Board that for a new control panel to unlock door remotely the cost is \$35,830.00 and he asks for approval.

Mark Kash made a motion to approve the purchase of Jail Control Panel Replacement as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
VACCINATION, TESTING,
& FACE COVERING
POLICY**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Vaccination, Testing & Face Covering Policy will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION
FORM - "WEARING
MASKS"**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Religious Exemption Form - "Wearing Masks" will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION
FORM - "VACCINES"**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Religious Exemption Form - "Vaccines" will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
MEDICAL EXEMPTION**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Medical Exemption will need to be tabled at this time.

MARK WHITLER

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the new courthouse claim for Mark Whitler this is the first payment for the construction of the display case in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Mark Whitler. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim is made a part of these minutes.

**HOLCOMB FOUNDATION
ENGINEERING**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE) for nuclear density testing / hours plus mileage in the amount of \$312.70.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE). Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**NAVIGATE BUILDING
SOLUTIONS**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions for December 2021 owner representative services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

S. I. PIPING (ARPA) Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Southern Illinois Piping Contractors Inc. (ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act) for Franklin County Jail HVAC upgrades in the amount of \$57,059.65.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Southern Illinois Piping Contractors Inc. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

MCCOY & HOWARD (ARPA) Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the McCoy & Howard - Consulting Engineers Inc. (ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act) for Franklin County Jail HVAC upgrades in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to McCoy & Howard - Consulting Engineers Inc. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

KARPEL (ARPA) Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Karpel Solutions (ARPA - American Rescue Plan Act) for State's Attorney's Office, PBK software licenses this is 50% of software in the amount of \$10,125.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Karpel Solutions. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC -
#15**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. - #15 this invoice needs to be tabled at this time.

**CONCEPT OF ILLINOIS
- COUNTY BOARD
OFFICE**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Concept of Illinois for the County Board office in the amount of \$3,052.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Concept of Illinois. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**CROSSWALK COMMUNITY
ACTION AGENCY - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board and he recommends Dalton Woolard to replace Jim McPhail for a two year term ending December 31, 2023.

John Gossett made a motion to appoint Dalton Woolard to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Randall Crocker voted no.

**FARMLAND COMMITTEE -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Farmland Committee will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY MENTAL
"708" HEALTH BOARD -
2 APPOINTMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda are the two appointments to the Franklin County Community Mental "708" Health Board will need to be tabled at this time.

**REND LAKE AREA
TOURISM COUNCIL - 3
APPOINTMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda are three appointments to the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council will need to be tabled at this time.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, December, 2021; Franklin County Coroner, December, 2021; and Sheriff, had no report.

Kevin Weston made motion to approve all reports as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**ROE - QUARTERLY
REPORT**

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson stated the next item on the agenda is the quarterly report from Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools and this was discussed in the Committee meeting earlier this evening and she asks for approval.

Kevin Weston made motion to approve the quarterly report as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson informed the County Board that no closed session is needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson asked the Board if there were any questions. Jack Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Minor seconded the motion. There being no further business Vice-Chairman Brad Wilson declared the meeting adjourned.


Brad Wilson

Interim Chair


Greg Woolard

County Clerk and Recorder