

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jun 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by J. Larry Miller. This meeting was held in the Franklin County Courthouse, County Board Room 133, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Sheriff David Bartoni; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Marty Leffler, Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interest parties Rocky Morris and Tom Carter.

PLEDGE

Chairman J. Larry Miller lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time. Tom Carter asked John Gossett about two neighbors and two dogs and that he (John Gossett) told Animal Control to drop the chargers. John Gossett said it was up to the courts and talked about fraud. Tom Carter said the Board has no authority.

Rocky Morris filed a FOIA with the Treasurer and wants to know how the funds are moved from one fund to the other and wants to know if there is any documentation. Wants to know if each fund gets interest. He wants documentation on how to track each fund.

A generalmen thinks you should arm the teachers and thinks the local school boards should do what they want to do. Board responded that the state told them they could not make there own decisions. He also talked about the Texas shootings. He thinks civilians and volunteers should he with the protection.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting, and June 3, 2022 Special County Board Meeting 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. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

DELINQUENT TAX RESOLUTIONS

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) 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. 2022-16 thru 2022-19.

CREEK NATION BLACKTOP FOR FEDERAL AGREEMENT - RESOLUTION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the Creek Nation Blacktop for Federal Agreement and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present said resolution. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, presented the resolution for fund appropriation for CH 14 Creek Nation Blacktop, Section #: 19-00188-00-RS and asks for approval.

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

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-20.

**FEDERAL AID
AGREEMENT FOR CREEK
NATION BLACKTOP -
AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the agreement for Federal Aid Agreement for the Creek Nation Blacktop and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present said agreement. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, presented the joint funding agreement between the State and Franklin County for Creek Nation Blacktop from IL 184 to IL 148 and recommends approval.

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-05.

**STORAGE BUILDING
ROOF - APPROVAL TO
ADVERTISE FOR BIDS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval for advertising for bids for the Storage Building Roof. Kevin Weston spoke about the need for a new roof at the Transportation (Road & Bridge, Buildings and Grounds) Committee meeting.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve advertising for bids for the Storage Building Roof. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**EPOXY COATING BID
FOR COURTHOUSE
ENTRANCE AREA -
APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval for advertising for bids for Epoxy Coating for the Courthouse Entrance Area and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston received a bid from Bricks and Stone (Keith Griffith) in front of the Courthouse where there is an oil stains. The amount of the bid is \$6,048.00 for just the entrance and an additional \$3,024.00 to do the ramps and this material is weather proof.

Kevin Weston made a motion to do both the entrance area and the ramps. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said bid is made a part of these minutes.

**AFFORDABLE GAS &
ELECTRIC (AGE) QUOTE
FOR ELECTRICAL
SUPPLIER AT
COURTHOUSE - APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of an Affordable Gas & Electric (AGE) quote for electrical supplier for the Courthouse and he asked Rob Wielt with Affordable Gas & Electric to present this agreement between Illinois Power Marketing dba Homefield Energy Company and Franklin County stating that this supplier is offering a rate of \$0.115 per kWh termination date is May, 2025.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-06.

**WATER CONSERVATION
VALVES FOR COUNTY
JAIL (ARPA/FUND) -
APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of water conservation valves for the County Jail using the ARPA fund. Sheriff Bartoni informed the County Board that he had someone come and check. The savings could be between 60% & 70%. More information is needed therefore the Board agreed to table these item at these time.

**PRETRIAL SERVICES
LEASE - APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Pretrial Services Lease and he informed the County Board that Abby Dinn, States Attorney looked at the lease and changed a few things.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the Pretrial Services Lease as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Ray Minor abstained from voting.

Said lease is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-07.

**EMA USED BOAT
DONATION TO SESSER
FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT - APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) donating a used boat to the Sesser Fire Protection District which Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency spoke about this at the Public Safety (Sheriff's Office Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control, Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services) Committee meeting earlier this evening. Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency informed everyone that EMA received a new rescue boat and would like to donate the used boat to the Sesser Fire Protection District as is.

Mark Kash made a motion to approve donating the EMA used boat to the Sesser Fire Protection District. Randall Crocker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
AMERICAN MEDICAL
RESPONSE - APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the agreement with American Medical Response (AMR). Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency spoke about this at the Public Safety (Sheriff's Office Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control, Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services) Committee meeting earlier this evening. There was a discussion on the dispatching problems with the ambulance service and the Sheriff's department but in the future Sheriff Bartoni and Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency will have meetings to correct this problem.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the agreement with American Medical Response. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-08.

**VARIANCE FOR BILL
YOUNG PROPERTY -
APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the variance for Bill Young's property and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, explained that there needs more access then he can get because of restrictions. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, thinks this is a simple solution to the problem. Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments, thinks the board needs to be able to speed up the process and Mike Rolla, County Engineer, thinks we should keep it as is.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the variance for Bill Young's property. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

There will be no variance for this property, the sell fell threw.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY AIR
CONDITIONER SYSTEM**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the State's Attorney air conditioner system and Kevin Weston discussed this at the Transportation (Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds) Committee Meeting earlier this evening. Kevin Weston stated for a new unit would cost \$22,981 and the current unit is twenty years old. More information is needed therefore the County Board agreed to table this at this time.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY'S
SALARY EFFECTIVE
JULY 1, 2022 -
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the State's Attorney's salary effective July 1, 2022 and he explained that the Illinois Department of Revenue reimburses the county for a portion of the State's Attorney's salary and this is done ever year.

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

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-21.

**CHANGING SEASONS ACE
HARDWARE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Changing Seasons Ace Hardware Inc. for supplies for a total of \$131.85.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Changing Seasons Ace Hardware Inc. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

DUTCH HOLLOW

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Dutch Hollow Supplies for supplies the Courthouse for a total of \$1,214.80.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Dutch Hollow Supplies. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**OFFICE MANAGEMENT
SERVICES**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Office Management Services for janitorial services for May, 2022 at the Courthouse for a total of \$5,434.26.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Office Management Services. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**CONCEPTE OF ILLINOIS
- 2 CLAIMS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Concepte of Illinois for computer service at the Courthouse there are two claims: first one is for \$1,389.00 and the second one is for \$7,082.60.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Concepte of Illinois. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**GFI DIGITAL - 2
CLAIMS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is GFI Digital for copiers at the Courthouse there are two claims: first one is for \$5,008.09 and the second one is for \$1,103.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to GFI Digital. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**HEARTLAND OFFICE
SUPPLY - 2 CLAIMS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Heartland Office Supply for office supplies at the Courthouse there are two claims: first one is for \$1,535.44 and the second one is for \$87.45.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Heartland Office Supply. Brad Wilson 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**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. for Project 3925 period: April 1, 2022 thru April 30, 2022 and past retainage at the Courthouse for a total of \$785,612.42.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**MT. VERNON GLASS
COMPANY**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Mt. Vernon Glass Company to move a conference glass tabletop from the Campbell Building to the new Courthouse for a total of \$286.00.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Mt. Vernon Glass Company. Brad Wilson 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 PLANNING
SOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Navigate Building Solutions for May, 2022 owner representative services for a total of \$8,250.00 which half of the normal service.

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

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

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
PIPING (ARPA)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Southern Illinois Piping Contractors Inc. for HVAC upgrades at the Franklin County Jail for a total of \$161,396.67.

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

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

KEVIN WESTON

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Kevin Weston reimbursement for electronics purchased at Target in Marion for a total of \$21.89.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the payment to Kevin Weston. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON
BI-COUNTY HEALTH - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are two appointments to the Franklin Williamson Bi-County Health Board and he recommends reappointing Clark Dixon for a three year term ending June 30, 2025 and Jack Warren for a one year term ending June 30, 2023.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the Chairman's recommendation. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority Board and he recommends reappointing Gayla Long for a five year term ending June 18, 2027.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the Chairman's recommendation. Randall Crocker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY MENTAL
"708" HEALTH /
CENTERSTONE - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin County Community Mental "708" Health Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**MINER'S CEMETERY OF
ROYALTON - 7
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are seven appointments to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**REND LAKE
CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
- 2 APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are two appointments to the Rend Lake Conservancy District Board and he recommends reappointing Robert Walton and appointing John Spence, DVM to replace Keith Ward for five year terms ending June 30, 2027.

Mark Kash made a motion to table the Chairman's recommendation at this time. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Ray Minor, Brad Wilson, and Chairman J. Larry Miller all voted NO and Mark Kash, Jack Warren and Kevin Weston all voted YES. This motion did not carry.

Randall Crocker made a motion to approve the Chairman's recommendations of reappointing Robert Walton and appointing John Spence, DVM to replace Keith Ward for five year terms ending June 30, 2027. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Brad Wilson and Chairman J. Larry Miller all voted YES and Mark Kash and Kevin Weston voted NO. This motion carried.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the May, 2022 monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, Franklin County Coroner and Sheriff.

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

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

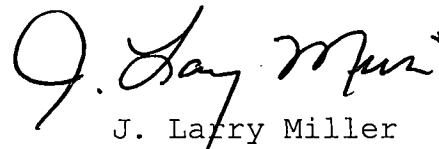
CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is a closed session and he informed the County Board that no closed session is needed at this time.


**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

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



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder