

DATE: June 6, 2022

PUBLIC SAFETY
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DECEMBER, 2021 THRU NOVEMBER, 2022
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

Franklin County Board Committee meetings and Franklin County Board meetings are held at the Franklin County Board Room, Franklin County Courthouse, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

COMMITTEEMEN:

- (x) John Gossett – Chairman (Phone)
- (x) Randall Crocker
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Mark Kash – Waste Management
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
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- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- (x) Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- () Judge Tom Tedeschi,
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Guests... Lanette Fleming, Teri Conaway, Don Miklos, Curtis Overton, Dwayne Williams, Tom Carter, Chris Funkhouser, Alison Cross, and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:47 PM by Larry Miller due to the absence of Chairman John Gossett, who was listening to the meetings. See above list of those attending.

Chairman Miller...

- Would like to see 911 and EMA begin their plans for the Campbell Building Basement.

- Lease with Pretrial Services will be ready for the next County Board Meeting.
- Has appointments to be made also at the next County Board Meeting and will be talking to those districts involved.

Board Member Randall Crocker presented his idea on a Public Safety Sales Tax...

- .25% would amount to an extra \$.25 on \$100 taxable items. In reference to the amount currently received on the 1% sales tax for the courthouse, .25% could mean \$765,220 for public safety.
- Money to be used on safety for schools and our children...
 1. Resource Officers
 2. Training
 3. Equipment for safer buildings
- Could take this to voters on the November, 2022 ballot or April, 2023.
- It was considered to lower the current 1% sales tax for the Courthouse, if the Public Safety Sales Tax passed.
- Discussion followed concerning the amount of attended schools in our area and private schools. Many thoughts were expressed on the subject.
- Chairman Miller asked Crocker to have a resolution ready for the next County Board Meeting.

Chief Deputy Kyle Bacon presented some information to the committee concerning water usage at the jail. Water bills from the past year totaled approximately \$35,000 and approximately \$60,000 was spent on repairing plumbing problems. He has been talking to a representative from Intelligent Water Conservation concerning a valve that limits water usage. This could decrease our usage 70%. He would like to have this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Minutes 6/16/2022

Larry Miller due to the absence of John Gossett - Health and Environment Committee

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Guests...Tom Carter (Comments on Electricity Supplier), Rocky Morris (Comments on need for crosswalks on the square), Dwayne Williams (Comments on Public Safety Tax), Kevin Wilson, Larry Jenkel, Rob Wielt (AGE), William Young, Jesse Young, and Lynnett Ing and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:48 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham was asked to speak about the ambulance contract on the following county board agenda...

- Ambulance contract has been negotiated with AMR formally known as Abbott.
- AMR will now have 3 ambulances available 24/7 rather than 2.
- The contract also has a mileage cap for the ambulances. Ambulances will have to be replaced when they are over 300,000 miles.
- Communication improvements were discussed.
- Dispatch could not be negotiated into this contract but can be addressed at a future time.
- This contract will be retroactive to April 1, 2022.
- Discussion followed on the dispatch not being able to be negotiated at this time.

Buckingham also mention an item he had on the agenda. EMA has received a new rescue boat to be stationed on Rend Lake. They also have a 16' john boat to dispose of, that is in need of repair. Sesser Fire Protection District would like to donate the john boat and will be willing to do the repairs on it.

Sheriff Dave Bartoni...

- Passed out his report which will be accepted during the following county board meeting.
- Sheriff's office is currently working the Rend Lake schedule.
- HVAV system is not yet 100% finished, but is still functioning. There are some parts still needed.

Coroner Marty Leffler gave his report which will be accepted during the following county board meeting. Leffler also mentioned...

- 11 deaths higher than this time last year when we were having all the Covid issues.
- That will all the heat, it is a good idea to check on friends and family.
- He likes the ambulance service we have and feels it is top-notch.
- Reminded the board of his need of a morgue.

Rob Wielt with AGE spoke to the committee concerning our electrical supplier. The new Courthouse was not in the agreement we made for the other buildings. At this time the rate has gone up, but he could offer it at 11.5 cents and tie the Courthouse contract into the same expiration date as the other buildings, which will be May, 2025.

Board Chairman Larry Miller and Board Member Ray Minor will be meeting Tuesday, June 29th at 9 to talk to Rhett Barke to begin the budget process. He asked Treasurer Steve Vercellino if he could be there also.

County Board Member Randall Crocker asked the board members to look at a copy of a possible resolution concerning a .25% Public Safety Tax to be used for school safety. Some of the board members commented on their support/opposition/not decided yet, for this tax. Comments were also made to put it on the ballot and let the public decide.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Minutes 6/30/2022

John Gossett - Health and Environment Committee