

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 16, 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, Neil Hargis, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston, and Brad Wilson. John Gossett was absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Marty Leffler, Coroner; Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor; 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 wants to talk about John Gossett and things he is doing. He say's he thinks John Gossett is over stepping his bounds. Chairman J. Larry Miller say's he thinks the County Board has not responsible to tell John Gossett what to do when it is not Board related. Tom Carter thinks John Gossett is putting himself into things he shouldn't.

Rocky Morris wants to know about the hazard pay and how some get \$9,000 and others get none. Chairman J. Larry Miller say's that the board has no negotiation with some agencies. Rocky Morris asked was the Board to look back at this issue?

Rocky Morris wants to know about a piece of property that the County was paying \$900.00 a month for parking and storage? Kevin Weston answered his question that the old owners got the money for the rent of that property. Rocky Morris asked why the new owners didn't get the money (\$900) for the rental.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting, April 4, 2022 Special County Board Meeting and April 18, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting Minutes. Neil Hargis 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.

CIRCUIT CLERK 2021 AUDIT - APPROVAL

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Circuit Clerk's 2021 Audit which was discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting earlier this evening and now an approval is needed.

Randall Crocker made a motion to approve the Circuit Clerk's 2021 Audit. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said audit is made a part of these minutes.

**SUBDIVISION
ORDINANCE / SESSER
DOLLAR GENERAL -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the subdivision survey for the First Apostolic Church Subdivision / Sesser Dollar General and he asked Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments to explain. Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments informed the County Board that Mike Rolla, County Engineer has signed off on this subdivision survey and asks for the Board's approval.

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

Said subdivision survey is made a part of these minutes as document no. 2022-2116.

**PAYMENT OF
ADDITIONAL RESTROOM
IN SECURITY OFFICE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of an additional restroom in the Security Office and this was discussed in the Transportation Committee Meeting earlier this evening and asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston explained and presented an itemized list for what the additional cost would be \$57,500.00 in order to put an additional restroom in the Security Office in the new Courthouse and he asked for approval.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the additional restroom in the Security Office in the new Courthouse. Randall Crcoker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Neil Hargis voted no.

Said itemized list is made a part of these minutes.

**ALLOW PRETRIAL
SERVICES USAGE OF
CAMPBELL BUILDING
OFFICE SPACE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to allow Pretrial Services (Don Jones and Mike Andrews) non-compensated usage of the Campbell Building office space until June 30, 2022 and Don Jones presented in the Finance Committee Meeting earlier this evening. Randall Crocker explained he thinks there should be security in the Campbell Building and then the lower level can be utilized.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the pretrial services to use the Campbell Building office space until June 30, 2022. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Ray Minor abstained.

**AMEND ELECTED
OFFICIAL SALARIES -
SHERIFF, COUNTY
CLERK, CIRCUIT CLERK,
TREASURER**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the amendment of the Elected Official Salaries for the Sheriff, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk and Treasurer and he explained that all office holders listed can receive a raise at the same time. Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that previously the Board didn't think the Circuit Clerk could be included in this list of office holders, but the board found out that it is possible for the Circuit Clerk's office to also get a raise at the same time and presented a spreadsheet showing a 2% raise each year for the next four years for each office holder.

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

Said spreadsheet is made a part of these minutes.

**POSTAGE METER FOR
COURTHOUSE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the postage meter for the new courthouse and this needs to be tabled at this time.

**LIQUOR LICENSE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a liquor license and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston explained it is for a Class A License with an annual fee of \$1,000 for Pickin' and Grinin' in West Frankfort and Jeff Tharp is the owner.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the liquor license as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Ray Minor and Kevin Weston voted yes and Randall Crocker, Neil Hargis, Mark Kash, Jack Warren, Brad Wilson and Chairman J. Larry Miller all voted no. The vote was yes - 2 and no - 6, this motion was not approved.

**RAISE GAMING MACHINE
LICENSE FEE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the ordinance for approval to raise the gaming machine license fee and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston proposed raising the license fee to \$200.00 per machine instead of \$25.00 per machine. Brad Wilson thinks we need to look for a way to get new revenue into the County other than video gaming machines.

Ray Minor made a motion approve the increase in the video gaming license as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Randall Crocker and Jack Warren voted no. The vote was yes - 6 and no - 2, this motion was approved.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2022-03.

**RECOGNIZE EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES
WEEK - RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that next on the agenda is the resolution to Recognize Emergency Medical Services Week and he asked Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency to explain the resolution stating May 15th thru May 21st to be designated as Emergency Medical Services Week. Ryan Buckingham informed the County Board about the Emergency Management Service (EMS) and the many things that they do. Heather Morris spoke about how other agencies did during the pandemic and how they are doing since then. She spoke about their team with American Medical Response (AMR). She also informed the County Board on the new equipment they are putting in service in the coming future.

Neil Hargis made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-14.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH
AMERICAN MEDICAL
RESPONSE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Ambulance Service Agreement with American Medical Response and informed the County Board that it will need to be tabled at this time.

**CONCEPT OF ILLINOIS
INC**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Concept of Illinois for equipment and cables for courthouse move and set up in the amount of \$419.78 and \$7,396.60.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Concept of Illinois. Jack Warren 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 - janitorial, food-service, packaging, and safety for garage bags and bathroom supplies in the amount of \$1,257.96.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Dutch Hollow Supplies. Jack Warren 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
SOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Navigate Planning Solution for April 2022 Owner Representative Services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

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

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

**WHITE BORGOGNONI
ARCHITECTURES**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is White Borgognoni Architectures for 98% Construction Administration in the amount of \$7,465.20.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to White Borgognoni Architectures. Jack Warren 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

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is GFI Digital for the new courthouse fax memory units and tech equipment in the amount of \$22,467.37.

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

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

**STRAIGHT LINE
STRIPING LLC**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Straight Line Striping LLC for re-stripe square, handicaps and crosswalks around the new courthouse in the amount of \$2,373.10.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Straight Line Striping LLC. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**BOARD OF REVIEW - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the two appointments to the Board of Review and he recommends reappointing Leon McClerren and Ron Sink to a two year term ending June 1, 2024.

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

**DENNING CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION - 4
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the four appointments to the Denning Cemetery Association and he recommends reappointing Mike Crabtree, Erma Dananay, Terry Joiner and Charlotte Loss to a six year term ending June 1, 2028.

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

**COUNTY CLERK &
CORONER**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the April, 2022 monthly report from the Franklin County Coroner, and March & April, 2022 monthly reports for the Franklin County Clerk and Sheriff had no monthly reports at this time.

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

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**ROE - QUARTERLY
REPORT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the ROE Quarterly Reports of Official Acts for the period July, 2021 thru June, 2022.

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

Said quarterly reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that a closed session is needed to discuss what the Board expects from an office holder.

Ray Minor made a motion to have a closed session at 7:16 p.m. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Randall Crocker left the meeting at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

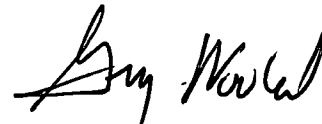
Brad Wilson made a motion at 7:42 p.m. to return to the open meeting. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Brad Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Weston 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