

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Oct 18, 2021

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### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman J. Larry Miller. 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 J. Larry Miller, Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Ray Minor, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Mark Kash and Jack Warren were absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; David Bartoni, Sheriff; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent; 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

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 talked about the Akin Coal Mine and the water problem he thinks that could happen because of the fine the mine has had. Rocky Morris spoke about the facebook sight on Franklin County and thinks that someone should be an administrator for and he thinks there should be some restrictions.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman J. Larry Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular 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. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DELINQUENT TAX PROGRAM - RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions and it needs to be tabled at this time.

**AMEND TERRITORY OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY I-57 ENTERPRISE ZONE - ORDINANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an Ordinance Further Amending Ordinance No. 2018-09 to Amend Territory of the Franklin County I-57 Enterprise Zone and he presented said ordinance along with an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Franklin, the City of West Frankfort, the City of Benton and the Village of West City. Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that there were hearings on the Enterprise Zone with all the towns involved.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the ordinance and agreement as presented. Randall Crocker seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Ray Minor abstained.

Said ordinance and agreement are made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2021-05 and Agreement No. 2021-16.

**PCO - 035 - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Potential Change Order (PCO) #035 and he said Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston spoke about the HNA System at the new courthouse for the media room and asked for approval.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the PCO #035 as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Potential Change Order (PCO) #035 is made a part of these minutes.

**HLR ENGINEERING  
AGREEMENT FOR  
KEARNEY ROAD**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Engineering Service agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick Inc. (HLR) from Springfield, Illinois for Kearney Road and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, explained in the Committee meeting earlier this evening, informing the County Board that a culvert needs to be replaced at Carlton Creek and he asked for approval.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-17.

**HUTCHISON  
ENGINEERING  
AGREEMENT FOR  
TANAGER ROAD**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Engineering Service agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc. from Jacksonville, Illinois for Tanager Road and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, explained in the Committee meeting earlier this evening, informing the County Board that a structure over Tributary to Little Muddy River is needed and he asked for approval.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the agreement 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. 2021-18.

**IL DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE - STATE'S  
ATTORNEY'S SALARY**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Illinois Department of Revenue salary reimbursement for the State's Attorney and he asked Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer, to explain. Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer stated that the salary for the State's Attorney is paid by the state and it will be a 2.5% increase.

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

Said reimbursement is made a part of these minutes.

**SLIP, TRIP & FALL  
PREVENTION POLICY -  
PER IPRF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) - Slip, Trip & Fall Prevention Policy and he asked Gayla Sink, Administrative Assistant to the County Board to explain. Gayla Sink, Administrative Assistant to the County Board explained that IPRF is revising the County's policy.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said policy as made a part of these minutes as Policy No. 2021-01.

**ANIMAL CONTROL -  
REHIRE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the rehire for the Animal Control Department and he recommended to rehire the position.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the rehire for the Animal Control Department. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CIRCUIT CLERK -  
REHIRE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the rehire for the Circuit Clerk office and he recommended to rehire the position.

Randall Crocker made a motion to approve the rehire for the Circuit Clerk office. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FAGER-MCGEE  
COMMERCIAL  
CONSTRUCTION INC. -  
#12**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #12 and this is for the period August 1, 2021 thru August 31, 2021 with Project No. 3925 in the amount of \$1,001,853.35.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. Kevin Weston 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**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions and this is for the August, 2021 and September, 2021 owner rep services in the amount of \$33,000.00.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Kevin Weston 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  
ARCHITECTS PC**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. and this is for 93% Construction Administration in the amount of \$11,940.65.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the payment to White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**REND INVESTMENTS LLC**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Rend Investments LLC and this is for November, 2021 rental of property for construction parking in the amount of \$900.00.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the payment to Rend Investments LLC. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**CROWDER DETENTION  
(ARPA)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Crowder Detention (ARPA) and this is for lock repair and locks supply and installing six Folger Adams locks and for moving the slim line lock to a different door in the amount of \$19,278.00.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the payment to Crowder Detention (ARPA). Kevin Weston 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. -  
#13**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #13 and this claim needs to be tabled at this time.

**DENNING CEMETERY  
ASSOCIATION - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Denning Cemetery Association to fill Charles Daniels unexpired term ending June 1, 2025. John Gossett recommends Paul Burbank Jr. to fill the unexpired term.

John Gossett made a motion to appointment Paul Burbank Jr. to the Denning Cemetery Association. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
MOSQUITO ABATEMENT  
DISTRICT - 4  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are four appointments to the Mosquito Abatement District.

John Gossett made a motion to recommend Jeff Darnell to replace Jean Harkins unexpired term

ending August 20, 2025; Pete Witkeniz to replace Velma Bowers unexpired term ending August 20, 2023; Jill Shelby to replace Ron Harkins unexpired term ending August 20, 2025 and Randy Browning is a new member to the board in order to have five members, his is a four year term ending August 20, 2025 on the Mosquito Abatement District Board. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FARMLAND COMMITTEE -** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item  
**3 APPOINTMENTS** on the agenda are three appointments to the Farmland Committee Board and he recommends to reappoint Tray Jackanicz and Charles Mitroka Jr. for four year terms ending June 1, 2025, the third member will be appointed at a later meeting.

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

**COUNTY CLERK,** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on  
**CORONER & SHERIFF** the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, September, 2021; Franklin County Coroner, August and September, 2021; and Sheriff, had no report at this time.

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

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**ROE** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the Regional Superintendent of Schools Report report from Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent and he asked Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent to explain. Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent explained the Official Acts for July, 2021 thru June, 2022 and other printouts in the Committee meeting earlier this evening.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve this reports as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that a closed session is needed to discuss union contract, personnel and County coal reserves.

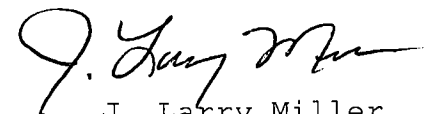
Ray Minor made a motion have a closed session at 6:37 p.m. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

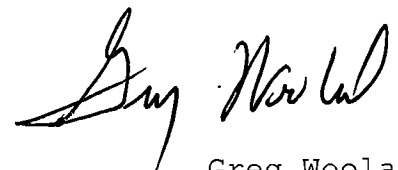
Kevin Weston made a motion to resume open meeting at 7:06 pm. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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