

DATE: October 4, 2021

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DECEMBER, 2020 THRU NOVEMBER, 2021
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

******Beginning Monday, October 4, 2021, and until further notice...the Franklin County Board Committee meetings and Franklin County Board meetings will be held at:**
FRANKLIN COUNTY CAMPBELL BUILDING,
COURTROOM A
901 PUBLIC SQUARE
BENTON, ILLINOIS

COMMITTEEMEN:

- John Gossett – Chairman
- Randall Crocker
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Mark Kash – Waste Management
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- Jack Warren – Animal Control
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

County Offices

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- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor
- Sarah Popham, JDC Superintendent
- Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- Judge Tom Tedeschi,
- Monica Urban, Probation
- Steve Vercellino, Treasurer – Conference Call-In
- Greg Woolard, County Clerk

Guests.....Rocky Morris (Fire at Coal Mines), Terry Joiner and Debra Maeser (Franklin County Mosquito Abatement District), Beth Sandusky and Kathryn Renik (State's Attorney)

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The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending.

Chairman Gossett asked Debra Maeser and Terry Joiner to explain the Franklin County Mosquito Abatement District to the board members and how it functions. Ms. Maeser will be retiring as the clerk for the district and 4 of the 5 members on the board have resigned and will need to be replaced. Mr. Joiner, chairman of that board, would like to update how those served by the district can receive information regarding this service.

Franklin County Coroner, Marty Leffler, gave his report for August and September.

Franklin County Animal Control Supervisor, Bobbie Overturf, requested permission to hire the currently empty full-time position.

Chairman Gossett...

- Reported that the locks for the Juvenile Detention Center have been ordered and will soon be installed.
- Is still working on the possibility of supervision for those receiving speeding tickets.
- Reminded the board that by 2023 the County could be seeing a \$600,000 lose of revenue due to “no cash bond”. State’s Attorney Abby Dinn explained this process and how devastating it could be for her office, the county budget and especially for the victim of a crime.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Has an appointment on October 8th with Lee Landon to discuss the coal rights, approximately 2200 acres in the Ewing area, which the County holds.
- Abijah Queen has also reached out to Chairman Miller concerning these same coal rights.
- Began a conversation with the board concerning the allocation of empty space in the Campbell Building when the Courthouse is finished. Several areas were discussed.
 1. Cost of redefining the basement area.
 2. Various ideas have been mentioned concerning who would be housed in that area, one of which included the State’s Attorney’s office.
 3. State’s Attorney Abigail Dinn, and 2 of her staff members – Beth Sandusky and Kathryn Renik- gave various reasons for not wanting to be housed there, including...
 - Security
 - Having Probation in the same area without separate entrances
 - Cellular phone service.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Minutes 10/14/2021

John Gossett, Chairman - Health and Environment Committee

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Guests.....Rocky Morris(Masks), Tom Carter(Karpel Comment), ROE staff, and other interested parties.
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The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending.

Chairman Gossett...

- Asked ROE Supervisor Lorie LeQuatte to present her quarterly report, which will be accepted during the following County Board meeting.
 1. Several of her employees are from Franklin County
 2. She has 18 new employees
 3. Discussion was had on the state holding funds from school districts for not following mask guidelines.
 4. Office space for ROE was discussed.
- Mentioned that Juvenile Detention Center locks have been replaced.
- Mentioned the Slip, Trip, Fall Prevention Policy that would be on the following County Board meeting agenda. The updated policy was part of the "Help" program through our worker compensation carrier, Illinois Public Risk Fund.

County Board Chairman, Larry Miller, again made the comment that nothing definite has been decided on offices moving. Nothing will be decided until the Courthouse has been completed and the offices that are designated to occupy the courthouse have moved.

Cindy Miklos asked the board about maternity leave (other than FMLA) for employees. This will be discussed after information has been gathered.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Minutes 10/28/2021

John Gossett, Chairman - Health and Environment Committee