

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Aug 15, 2022

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### **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, Neil Hargis, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Sheriff David Bartoni, Darla Fitzjerrells, Director of Court Services; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; John Gardner, Dave Garavalia, Tom Malkovich; the press 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. No one had a comment.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting. 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. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**VARIANCE FOR KRETZ  
TO CHAPMAN**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the variance for Kretz to Chapman and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained that this is an 80 acre tract with 15 acres being split off and he recommends approval so Kretz the seller can grant an easement to the purchaser so Kretz can access their property off of Yellow Banks Road.

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

Said variance and plat of boundary survey are made a part of these minutes and it was recorded on September 9, 2022 with document number 2022-3763.

**AWARD KEARNEY ROAD  
BRIDGE - RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for Kearney Road to award the contract and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, presented a resolution for Kearney Road section 21-10127-00-BR in Northern Township and the low bidder was Dees, Inc. from West Frankfort and asked for approval.

Brad Wilson made a motion to 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. 2022-25.

**DISSOLVE FRANKLIN  
COUNTY JAIL  
COMMISSION -  
RESOLUTION &  
INCLUDING DEED**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution to dissolve the Franklin County Jail Commission, including acquisition of deed to real estate and monies presently held by Jail Commission and he asked Tom Malkovich to explain. Tom Malkovich presented the resolution entitled "Resolution of the County Board of Franklin County, Illinois for Dissolution of the Franklin County Jail Public Building Commission" and he also needed a second attorney

and asked Dave Garavalia to assist to dissolve the resolution then deed the property to the County then presented a check for the extra funds in the Jail Commission account (excess \$641.71) check made payable to the County Treasurer's office.

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the resolution and deed as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution and deed are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-26 and the deed was recorded on September 9, 2022 with document number 2022-3780.

**QUOTE FROM OFFICE  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
- CLEANING CARPET &  
TITLE AT CAMPBELL  
BUILDING - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the quote from Office Management Services (OMS), a janitorial service from Mt. Vernon to clean the carpet and strip the title and refinish with five coats finish VCT in the Campbell Building offices. Kevin Weston spoke about this in the Committee Meeting and informed the County Board that the cost will be \$7,911.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the quote from OMS for cleaning the Campbell Building floors - upstairs and downstairs. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said quote is made a part of these minutes.

**QUOTE FROM GFI  
DIGITAL - PRINTERS /  
COPIERS - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the quote from GFI Digital for copiers / printers for the Campbell Building offices and State's Attorney. Kevin Weston spoke about this in the Committee Meeting and informed the County Board that this quote is for five copiers - three black & white copiers with a cost of \$15,098.19, one more black & white copier with a cost of \$3,854.71 and one colored copier with a cost of \$5,844.01. The total quote for five copiers is \$24,796.61.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the quote from GFI Digital for the copiers as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call, all voted yes.

Said quote from GFI Digital is made a part of these minutes.

**QUOTE FROM POWER  
WASH PLUS - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the quote from Power Wash Plus / Greg Chance to Power Wash the Campbell Building. Kevin Weston spoke about this in the Committee Meeting and informed the County Board that this quote is for \$1,625.00.

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

**QUOTE FROM I-CON  
SYSTEMS INC.-  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the quote from I-Con Systems, Inc. for water control valves for the jail and he asked Sheriff Dave Bartoni to explain. Sheriff Dave Bartoni presented a proposal and that they think it will save around 56% saving on water consumption asking to be paid out of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds (\$135,534.00 estimated budget). Randall Crocker asked whether this has to be bid out or is it exempt.

Chairman J. Larry Miller announced that this needs to be tabled until more information is presented.

**QUOTE FROM HONEYWELL  
TO PROVIDE  
MAINTENANCE /  
COURTHOUSE HVAC -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the quote from Honeywell to provide maintenance / courthouse HVAC. Kevin Weston informed the County Board that he spoke to the Honeywell representatives and more information is needed.

Chairman J. Larry Miller announced that this needs to be tabled until more information is presented.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
CORONER - TRAVEL  
REQUEST**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the travel request for Marty Leffler, County Coroner and he asked Marty Leffler to explain. Marty Leffler, County Coroner, informed the County Board in the Committee meeting earlier this evening that the total cost of \$936.50 for his travel expense.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the travel request. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said travel request information is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
ANIMAL CONTROL -  
APPROVAL TO HIRE  
TEMPORARY HELP**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of temporary hire for the Animal Control Department and he asked Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor to explain. Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor presented her reason for asking for help do to the fact one of her employees is having a baby and needing extra help. John Gossett stated he would limit it to six months.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the temporary hire for the Animal Control Department with the limitation. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**HIRE FORENSIC  
AUDITOR - TROY LUH  
FOR TREASURER'S  
OFFICE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to hire a Forensic Auditor, Troy Luh for the Treasurer's office and presented a letter from Troy Luh.

Neil Hargis stated he would like to wait until next month.

Randall Crocker thinks the money could be spent in a better way and he thinks Teri Conaway was miss treated in the Committee meeting earlier this evening.

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that he talked to Troy Luh about maybe doing other things instead of an audit.

John Gossett made a motion to approve hiring the forensic auditor, Troy Luh. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. The voting was as follows: Randall Crocker, John Gossett, Ray Minor, Jack Warren and Brad Wilson voted YES and Neil Hargis, Mark Kash, Kevin Weston and Chairman J. Larry Miller voted NO. Motion carried 5 - yes and 4 - nos.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**PAYMENT TO SHERIFF'S  
DEPARTMENT FROM DOC**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval payment to Sheriff's Department from DOC (Department of Corrections) for Housing Sentenced In-Mates during covid, to be used for repairs needed for the Franklin County Jail Building and he asked Sheriff Dave Bartoni to explain. Sheriff Dave Bartoni explained the money the Sheriff's Department received (\$42,000 total) and says the DOC has more money that the Sheriff's Department may receive and he would like to use this money for repairs on the jail building.

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

**BRICKS N STONES**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Brick & Stones for resurfacing the ramps and entrance on west side of courthouse with light & dark grays for a total of \$9,072.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Brick & Stones. 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.

**COMM SQUAD**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Comm Squad for audio recorder and hang monitors in courtrooms for a total of \$1,8714.90.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Comm Squad. 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.

**ALLEGIANCE FENCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Allegiance Fence for removal of existing 12 panels and remove existing gates and re install on new panels and back in place for the Animal Control Department for a total of \$6,000.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Allegiance Fence. 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.

**CONCEPTS OF ILLINOIS INC.**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Concepts of Illinois Inc. for installing computer equipment in the judges office for a total of \$479.06.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Concepts of Illinois 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.

**CROSSWALK COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY - 1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**911 EMERGENCY  
TELEPHONE SYSTEM - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the 911 Emergency Telephone System Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
HOUSING AUTHORITY -  
2 APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is two appointments to the Franklin County Housing Authority Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
HOSPITAL BOARD - 3  
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are three appointments to the Franklin County Hospital Board for a three year term ending August 31, 2025 and he recommends reappointing Robert Lewis, Jim Johnson, & Brent Young.

Neil Hargis made a motion to reappoint Robert Lewis, Jim Johnson, & Brent Young to the Franklin County Hospital Board. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY MENTAL  
"708" HEALTH BOARD -  
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 is seven appointments to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**UNIVERSITY OF  
ILLINOIS EXTENSION  
BOARD - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the University of Illinois Extension Board for a one year appointment ending August 31, 2023 and he recommends Mark Kash.

Ray Minor made a motion to reappoint Mark Kash to the University of Illinois Extension Board for one year term. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Mark Kash abstained.



**COUNTY CLERK,  
CORONER & SHERIFF**

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

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

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

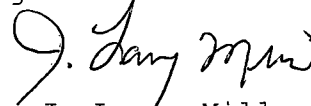
**CLOSED SESSION**

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