

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Aug 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman J. Larry Miller. Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Governor J B Pritzker has ordered everyone to wear masks and to observe social distancing. This meeting was held in the former County Board room, Campbell Building, 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, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Amos Abbott, E-911 Director; David Bartoni, Sheriff; Ryan Buckingham, Emergency Management Agency Director; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Darla Fitzjerrells, Director of Court Services; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; 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. No one had any comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2021 Public Hearing & Regular County Board Meeting Minutes. Brad Wilson 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.

**EAKIN GROVE BRIDGE -
AWARDING LETTING
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the first item on the agenda is the resolution for awarding Eakin Grove Bridge letting and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present said resolution. Mike Rolla, County Engineer read the Resolution in the Awarding of Contract for Bridge Section 18-03129-00-BR and the low bidder was Dees Construction from West Frankfort and he asked for approval.

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

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-32.

**EAKIN GROVE BRIDGE
PROJECT - AWARD
CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the award contract for the Eakin Grove Bridge Project and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present said contract. Mike Rolla, County Engineer presented a Contract Bond from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the road name TR 164B Eakin Grove Road with section number 18-03129-00-BR and he asked for approval.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the contract bond as presented. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-10.

**SOUTHERN IL PIPING
CONTRACTORS
(SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PROJECT) - AWARD
CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the contract with Southern Illinois Piping Contractors for the Sheriff Office Project having the HVAC upgraded for the Franklin County Jail in the amount of \$298,400.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Mack Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-11.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-33 & 2021-34.

**ARPA FUNDS - LETTER
OF AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the letter of agreement for ARPA Funds with Gilbert, Huffman, Prosser, Hewson & Barke LTD and he is asking the County Board to use Rhett Barke and his firm on how to use the ARPA funds.

Randall Crocker made a motion to accept the agreement. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-12.

**ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION REFUNDING
BONDS - ORDINANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) to refund certain outstanding obligations of the County, and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds and he explained this has to do with the Juvenile Detention Center.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the ordinance as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, everyone voted yes except Kevin Weston voted no.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2021-04.

**JUVENILE DETENTION
CENTER - REPLACE
CONTROL ROOM LOCKS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is to replace the Juvenile Detention Center Control Room locks and he recommends replacing the locks with Rhett Barke's approval using the ARPA funds.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the replacing of the locks with ARPA funds. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE -
UPGRADE ON REPEATER
RADIO**

Chairman J. Larry stated that the next item on the agenda is the upgrade on repeater / radio in the Sheriff's Department and he informed the County Board that this needs to be tabled at this time.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC. -
#10**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #10 and this is for the period June 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021 with Project No. 3925 in the amount of \$1,016,706.47.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

SOUTHERN ILLINOISAN

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Southern Illinoisan and this is for ads for bids on the new County Courthouse furnishings package in the amount of \$158.43.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Southern Illinoisan. Ray Minor 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 rental of property for construction parking for September in the amount of \$900.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Rend Investments LLC. Ray Minor 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 July, 2021 Construction Services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Ray Minor 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. (WBA) invoice #13 and this is for 54% Construction Administration plus reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$21,532.20.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C. (WBA). Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

PEOPLES BANK - POSITIVE PAY FEB., 2021 THRU MAY, 2021 Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Peoples Bank and this is for positive pay check verification in the amount of \$161.90.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Peoples Bank. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim is made a part of these minutes.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC. -
#11**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #11 and this claim needs to be tabled at this time.

**BOARD OF REVIEW - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Board of Review and he read the resignation letter from Charles Daniels and he recommends Scott Ward to fill Charles Daniels's unexpired two year term ending June 1, 2023.

Randall Crocker made a motion to appoint Scott Ward to replace Charles Daniels on the Board of Review. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN-WILLIAMSON
BI-COUNTY HEALTH - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are two appointments to the Franklin Williamson Bi-County Health Board to replace Matt Donkin & Danny Melvin and he recommends Kevin Weston to replace Danny Melvin, at-large three year term ending June 30, 2024 and Jack Warren replace Matt Donkin, County Board member one year term ending June 30, 2022.

Mark Kash made a motion to appoint Kevin Weston to replace Danny Melvin, at-large and Jack Warren replace Matt Donkin, County Board member on the Franklin Williamson Bi-County Board. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority which needs 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 and he recommends reappointing Gayla Kain and Ron Knox and appoint Ann Wilson to replace Julie Boles for three year terms ending August 31, 2024.

Jack Warren made a motion to reappoint Gayla Kain and Ron Knox and appoint Ann Wilson to replace Julie Boles on the Franklin County Hospital Board. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**HILL CITY WATER
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Hill City Water District and he read a letter from the Hill City Water District Board recommending Aaron Webb to replace Harvey Olson's unexpired term ending April 30, 2023.

Brad Wilson made a motion to appoint Aaron Webb to replace Harvey Olson on the Hill City Water District Board. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
BOARD - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is two appointments to the Mosquito Abatement Board and he recommends reappointing Jean Harkins and Ron Harkins to a four year term ending August 20, 2025.

Ray Minor made a motion to reappoint Jean Harkins and Ron Harkins on the Mosquito Abatement Board. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**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 and he recommends Mark Kash to replace Alan Price for an year term ending August 31, 2022.

Randall Crocker made a motion to appoint Mark Kash to replace Alan Price on the University of Illinois Extension Board. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, July, 2021; Franklin County Coroner, July, 2021; and Sheriff, for service from July 19, 2021 thru August 15, 2021.

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

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

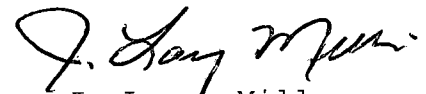
CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller 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. Brad Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kash 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