

DATE: August 1, 2022

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DECEMBER, 2021 THRU NOVEMBER, 2022
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH

Franklin County Board Committee meetings and Franklin County Board meetings are held at the Franklin County Board Room, Franklin County Courthouse, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

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- John Gossett – Chairman
- Randall Crocker
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Mark Kash – Waste Management
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman (phone)
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- Jack Warren – Animal Control
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- David Bartoni, Sheriff
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerald, 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
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Guests...Tom Carter, Dwayne Williams, Troy Luh (forensic auditor) and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Overturf reported on the conditions that are being repaired...

- HVAC work should be finished in the next few days.
- Repair on the kennels will probably start in a couple of weeks. The materials have been ordered and work will begin when materials have been received.

County Coroner Marty Leffler was unable to be at the meeting, but did provide the following information...

- June and July Coroner's Report to the board, which will be approved at the August 15th County Board Meeting.
- He requested that travel approval for the upcoming Medicolegal Death and Homicide Investigation Conference to be held August 30- September 1 be placed on the next agenda.
- He plans to add one and replace one (possibly two) deputy coroners in the near future.

Chairman Gossett...

- Spoke on the various forms Covid has taken, as well as the variety of shots/vaccines/ medications for the varieties.
- Showed an example of a folded \$1.00 bill, which could be laced with Fentanyl, and is showing up at gas stations. These dollar bills could be deadly and should not be touched.

Sheriff Bartoni reported to the board that he had just received a quote on HVAC maintenance for the Courthouse. He would like to have the maintenance on the next agenda. Discussion followed.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller mentioned the upcoming board appointments that are needed...Franklin County Housing Authority, Franklin Hospital Board, Franklin County Mental Health Board (Cornerstone), and Miner's Cemetery in Royalton.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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John Gossett - Health and Environment Committee

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Franklin County Coroner Marty Leffler explained his request on the following Board Meeting agenda...

- He will be attending the Medicolegal Death & Homicide Investigation Conference to receive most of his required continuing education training hours.
- This is sponsored by the Illinois Coroners and Medical Examiners Association and will be held August 30th through September 1st.
- He is only requesting reimbursement for meals and mileage.
- He reminder the board about his need for a morgue and an office for his department.

Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Overturf...

- The animal control has a new play pen thanks to those visiting the Benton area from the New York reality show.
- There is a possibility that the same group may pick up some of the dogs to be adopted out in their area.

Board Chairman Larry Miller mentioned that he will be making a few recommendations for appointment during the following board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Minutes 9/01/2022

John Gossett - Health and Environment Committee