

DATE: April 3, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY
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DECEMBER, 2022 THRU NOVEMBER, 2023
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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- Angela Evans
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- Curtis Overton
- Jack Warren – Animal Control
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

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- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- 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
- LaVonda Porter, JDC Assistant Superintendent
- Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- Judge Melissa Morgan
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Guests... Don Miklos, Cynthia Britton, John Spilman, Tom Carter (1% sales tax) and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:49 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Gave his March report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 4-3-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Has received the items needed to outfit his new coroner vehicle.
- Has finally been able to complete the process for a body that had been in the morgue for quite some time.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Gave his March report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 4-3-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- Discussion was had concerning the amount of State Police presence on our stretch of I57.
- Comments were made on the revenue from federal inmate holding for the last few months, which totaled \$127,380.00.
- Discussion also followed on the work that Take Action Today was doing at the jail, and the amount of homelessness in Franklin County.

Chairman Gossett read a request from Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Overturf concerning new lighting. This is an Ameren Energy Efficiency Program with Small Business Program Ally: McCollum Electric, LLC and would involve switching to LED lighting. Board Member Brad Wilson commented about the amount this could save the county. Gossett requested to have this on the next County Board Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Minutes submitted 4/13/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests... Denny Davis (Plat Act Variance), Stephanie Susade, Rick and Barb Linton (Tourism) and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:50 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Coroner Marty Leffler asked the board if any decisions had been made concerning a morgue...

- He said having his office, evidence storage, and file storage in different buildings did not work well for the job he does.
- He was told by the board they are still trying to accommodate his needs.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Mentioned an item he has on the following County Board Agenda. Detective Richard "Flip" Minton has taken care of IT for the Sheriff's office for many years. He will soon be retiring and they will need to hire someone to do their IT.
- He has a contract with NovaCom on the agenda that he asked to be accepted.
- Comments were made concerning the long service and valuable knowledge "Flip" has contributed to the Sheriff's Office and Franklin County since 1980.

Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Overturf then spoke to the board concerning renovations needed at the Animal Control...

- Approval on the following County Board Agenda- Agreement for McCollom Electric LLC Agreement/Ameren Energy Efficiency Program.
- Need for more Cat Cages
- Remodeling an "Puppy" area

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Announced a Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 25th at 9:00AM.
- Mentioned some of the appointments that would be made later that evening.
- Was asked about ARPA Applications, and he responded that it was important to determine the cost for the future Central Dispatch before opening the requests for ARPA money.
- Interviews will be on Monday, April 24th with the architect candidates for the Central Dispatch project.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Minutes submitted 4/27/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee