

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Kevin Weston
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Neil Hargis
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Office Manager

Date: April 7, 2025

FINANCE
(Sheriff's Office, EMA, Animal Control,
Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services,)
DECEMBER, 2024 THRU NOVEMBER, 2025
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.

COMMITTEEMEN:

- ☐ David Bartoni – Public Safety
- ☐ Angela Evans - Animal Control
- ☒ John Gossett - EMA
- ☒ Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- ☒ Larry Miller
- ☐ Ray Minor
- ☒ Curtis Overton -Transportation
- ☒ Kevin Weston
- ☒ Brad Wilson – Finance

County Offices

- ☐ Amos Abbott, Director 911
- ☒ Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- ☒ Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
- ☒ Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- ☐ Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
- ☐ Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- ☒ Marty Leffler, Coroner
- ☐ Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- ☒ Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- ☐ Judge Melissa Morgan
- ☐ Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- ☒ Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
- ☐ Monica Urban, Probation
- ☒ Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ☒ Bobbie Willims, Animal Control Supervisor
- ☒ Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (Topic of Comment) Steve Vercellino
No Public Comments.

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The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Chairman, Brad Wilson. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Franklin County Treasurer Steve Vercellino explained county claims and reported on the county finances...

- Beginning balance as of 3/31/25 is \$8.3 M Estimated ending as of 4/18/2025 is \$7,694,345
- The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 4/7/2025 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Sherriff Kyle Bacon...

- Presented FLOCK Camera system that he is wanting installed in the county. 8 cameras will be installed to help aid in crime & theft of vehicles in Franklin County.
- 6 cameras would be installed on state highways & 2 county highways.
- Annual fee of cameras is \$24,000
- Drug taskforce has offered to pay ½ of starting cost of cameras & opioid fund would cover the remaining costs.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM
Brad Wilson- Finance Committee**

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Date: April 21, 2025

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
DECEMBER 2024 THRU NOVEMBER 2025
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COMMITTEEMEN:

- ☐ Brad Wilson - Chairman
- ☒ Dave Bartoni - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- ☒ Angela Evans – Labor Negotiations (Animal Control)
- ☒ John Gossett - Tourism
- ☒ Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman & Economic Development
- ☒ Larry Miller –, Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping
- ☒ Ray Minor – Economic Development
- ☒ Curtis Overton – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- ☒ Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)

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- ☒ Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
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- ☒ Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ☒ Anthony Skobel, Animal Control Supervisor
- ☒ Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (Topic of Comment), Sam Loiacono (Fager-McGee) Steve Vercellino. No Public Comments.

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County claims were then submitted and were approved and signed by all members present.

Franklin County Treasurer Steve Vercellino explained the county claims and reported on the county finances...

- Beginning balance as of 04/21/2025 is \$7,114,202 Estimated ending of 04/30/2025 is \$7,272,162
- The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 4/21/2025 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Lorie LeQuatte presented ROE report. Full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as of 4/21/2025 ROE Report Attachment 1.
- Sam Loiacono from Fager McGee came to present costs for new parking lot at EOC. Original plan was only for 13 parking spots, newly revised plan is 36 spots. Full concrete parking lot with concrete curbs would be \$224,000. Discussion followed...
- Supervisor of Assessments presented an approval for PLAT ACT on behalf of Kirsten Houseworth.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM

Minutes submitted 04/21/2025

Neil Hargis - Finance Committee