

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Date: April 7, 2025

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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

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- ☐ Amos Abbott, Director 911
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- ☐ Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
- ☐ Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
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- ☒ Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- ☐ Judge Melissa Morgan
- ☐ Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- ☐ Monica Urban, Probation
- ☒ Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ☒ Bobbie Willims, Animal Control Supervisor
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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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EMA Director Ryan Buckingham....

- Stated he didn't have anything to discuss.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Sadly, reported that one of the employees at Sherriff's department passed away suddenly.

Coroner Marty Lefler...

- 2 new counties used our facilities recently for autopsies. Gallatin and Washington County
- Flag pole was donated from the Sheriff's Department.
- Mutual Aid Agreement for surrounding counties to aid in help if we have a mass fatality.

County Board chairman Neil Hargis...

- Has on Board meeting to accept resignation of Bobbie Adams as Supervisor of Animal Control. Also, appoint Anthony Skobel for interim Supervisor of Animal Control.
- Reappointments on Board Meeting Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM

Minutes submitted 04/21/2025

David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee