

August 5, 2024

**FINANCE,  
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,  
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)  
DECEMBER 2023 THRU NOVEMBER 2024  
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:

- (x) Ray Minor – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- (x) Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- (x) Curtis Overton
- ( ) David Bartoni
- (x) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- (x) Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

County Offices

- ( ) Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- ( ) Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA 5:21
- ( ) Abigail Dinn
- ( ) Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- ( ) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- ( ) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
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- ( ) Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ( ) Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (and subject of those stating public comments)...Pamela Boyd/ SCT, James Wiggs, Steve Vercellino, and other interested parties that attended. No Public Comments.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Chairman Ray Miner. See above lists of those attending and the (subject of those stating public comments).

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

Treasurer Steve Vercellino gave his report...

- Beginning Balance is \$8,627,186. ARPA balance is \$4,480,332.54, not much change from last month. Estimated ARPA after EOC is completed will be \$581,332.54.
- The total report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 8-5-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- In the process of reconciling July bank statements.
- Report shows a few checks as “not new”. Had a few checks that have not been cashed and getting old. Stopped payment on those and issued new.
- Heavy traffic today with payment of Real Estate tax bills. Part time employees are back to help. One of the part time employees has helped during the tax time before. There is also a new one who seems to be picking it up very well.
- Board Member John Gossett asked about a claim from the County Clerk concerning Blue Cross Blue Shield. Vercellino explained that the County Clerk’s office creates the claim for the county. He, as Treasurer, processes it.
- Board Member Curtis Overton asked about a claim to ArchImages for the EOC- is this beyond what we are spending at the EOC? Board Member Kevin Weston explained the claim. This is part of their fee for designing the building, overseeing general contractor, and handling construction documents.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Budget seems to be on track except for a few areas of which we were aware.
- We should be getting the audit soon. We are needing the info from that to work on 2025 budget.
- Assessments for Real Estate seems to be up. But we need consistency on our assessments throughout the county.
- Discussion then followed about how we could get that to happen.
  1. Most townships have their own assessors, which makes the subjective part of assessing hard to accomplish.
  2. Possibly go to each township and talk about the assessments and how to make it more across the board.
  3. How to reassess every 4 years.
  4. Appoint a group to talk and explain the problems to the townships.

Board Member Kevin Weston asked Circuit Clerk Jim Muir when the scanning will be done. Muir explained that there are many years of documents still to be scanned, and this project is a very important project for the people of the county. He has 2 part-time employees working on this project. He is planning on putting this in his 2025 budget in order to continue the job.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21PM

Minutes submitted 08/15/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee

August 19, 2024

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Treasurer Steve Vercellino gave his report...

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- The total report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 8-19-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Budget is being worked on at this time.
- Most of the departments have submitted their proposed budgets.
- July has been reconciled.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Mentioned the problem with not everyone paying their share of the real estate taxes.
- Appraisals are done differently across the county.
- Discussion followed.

Supervisor of Assessments Cindy Miklos

- Explained another request for a variance on acreage.
- This variance will be on the agenda for approval at the following County Board Meeting.
- Comments were made that land owners should be allowed to sale their land.

Board Member Brad Wilson

- Asked when the ARPA money might be disbursed.
- Several ideas were discussed...
  1. Setting aside 15% buffer for the EOC
  2. Begin prioritizing the requests for ARPA funding that have been received.
  3. It was mentioned, that there is also a grant to help with furniture for the EOC.
  4. Also commented that the board does need to accommodate county needs as best as they can, when they can.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27PM

Minutes submitted 08/29/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee