

DATE: August 5, 2024

**TRANSPORTATION
(Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds)
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) Kevin Weston – Chairman, Courthouse Construction
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett
- (x) Neil Hargis
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Ray Minor
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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 5:21 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Matt Barnett, County Highway Engineer, was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- One-way signs have been posted on the Courthouse lawn across from all in-coming directions.
- Mine 21 Road will be re-paved. I have a pre-construction conference with IDOT next week.
- Mowing, work on culverts, is still in process.
- Shoulder work is also happening for future road work.
- Chairman Larry Miller asked Barnett, as our road person, to take a look at a request for a Proclamation request concerning "See Tracks? Think Train Week"

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Pamela Boyd, Franklin County representative for 12 years on the SouthCentral Transit board gave her report...

- There are some areas in the county that if you need a ride to a doctor's office, can't drive, and can't afford a cab, you can ride on SCT across town for as low as \$.50 cents.
- Phone numbers are listed for information on the routes.
- SCT is growing - rides are also available to the hub in Marion which can then take you to other areas.
- More information and phone numbers can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 8-5-2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- She also wanted the board to know that SCT is annually pumping \$302,000.00 into Franklin County...local vendors for fuel, Door Doctor, Ace Hardware, etc.

Chairman Weston...

- Working with ClearWave on State's Attorney's office phone system
- Working with Loyd Electric for cost of wiring for phone system
- Discussed 2nd Circuit side at Justice center's phone system
- Discussed flooring for Justice Center.
- Benton Flooring has given us a quote for flooring but need a bid for the lobby.
- Explained Trugreen and the cost for the Courthouse. He has already asked them to do one treatment that is needed. The cost for that was \$54.00 and he felt the lawn needed it as soon as possible. It will be discussed another time about a yearly contract.
- HSG Mechanical has sent us another contract for the Courthouse. This also will be discussed at a later time.

Treasurer Steve Vercellino mentioned that the 2nd Circuit does pay the Treasurer's office for Bookkeeping services. It hasn't changed for several years and maybe we should be asking for more.

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

Minutes submitted 08/15/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee

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Guests (and subject of those stating public comments)...Tom Carter, Dwayne Williams, Steve Vercellino, and other interested parties that attended. No Public Comments.

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Matt Barnett, County Highway Engineer, was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- Mine 21 Resurfacing Project had a pre-construction conference last week. IDOT will begin late September and should be a quick project. Probably done in October.
- A bridge on Willis Road is to be replaced. There will be a letting on August 29th. This project will be 100% paid by the state. In the past, the state had paid 80/20% with the townships for bridges. The state will now be covering 100 % funding for the township bridges. County and the Townships should no longer have to use their funds.
- He has a resolution from the state that is on the agenda for the following County Board Meeting for resurfacing parts of Yellow Banks Road to use RBI funds for 1.61 mile of the road.
- Akin/North Thompsonville have coal mines using their roads. The mines are supposed to take care of the damage to use the roads.
- Train crossings are in bad shape. Some of the problems have been turned into Burlington/Northern/Sante Fe Rail Way.
- Another problem on that is when we redo a road, we have to stay so away from the tracks. Then it seems to take quite some time for the crossings to be fixed.

Chairman Weston...

- Tomorrow - Marion Glass will be at the Campbell Building to install the bullet-proof glass for several departments in the building.
- A couple more offices are needing to have some changes made in how the offices are arranged before installing the glass in their areas.
- Loyd Electric has given us a cost for the changes we need for the phone systems in the Justice Center. That quote is on the following agenda for approval. Also on the agenda is the quote from ClearWave concerning the phone system also.
- He and Board Chairman Larry Miller had a conversation with Benton mayor Lee Messersmith about a problem that the city is having in their city hall. Some of those who work for the city will be housed in the former Courtroom A in the basement of the Campbell Building until the city's problem is resolved. Discussion followed.
- Told the board that he has 2 other agreements on the following County Board agenda. He would like for the board to approve 1 of the agreements

Board Member Curtis Overton...

- Was concerned about parking space with the City Hall employees that will be in the Campbell Building.
- Was still trying to get a way to have one of the poles removed or at least moved that is in the parking area at the Campbell Building.
- At this time the ideas have been quite costly.
- He is still looking into another idea, but this has not been resolved at this time.

Circuit clerk, Jim Muir...

- Happily told the Board, that techs from Judges, would be at the courthouse the next week to begin the installation for the special lighting on the Courthouse.
- It will only take a week to get all set up.
- Training for using the lighting, will also be given next week.

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM

Minutes submitted 08/29/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee