

DATE: August 7, 2023

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**(Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control,**  
**Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services, Animal Control)**  
**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.

**COMMITTEEMEN:**

- (x) John Gossett – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- (x) Curtis Overton
- ( ) Jack Warren – Animal Control
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**County Offices**

- ( ) Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- ( ) Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- ( ) Abigail Dinn
- ( ) Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- ( ) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- (x) Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- ( ) LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- (x) Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
- ( ) Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests... David Bartoni and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Gossett then asked for reports...

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Panic Buttons have been installed, set-up, and tested at Campbell Building offices
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- All 5 schools in unincorporated areas are now able to help provide funding for the SRO officers in the county. This means that more hours are able to be supplied to each school with no extra cost to the County Sheriff Office.
- He also explained the Sheriff Office is in need of body worn cameras, which will be mandated January 1, 2025. He then explained a plan that he had for funding the need which can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 8-7-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- He asked for this to be on the next County Board Meeting Agenda for approval.
- He then mentioned a recent Jail and Inspection report he had received. Only a couple of 2 small issues were mentioned and have already been resolved.
- He also submitted his monthly report which can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 8-7-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3.

Coroner Marty Leffler gave his reports...

- He presented his July report which can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 8-7-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3.
- He has received 3 sealed bids for the remodeling of part of the storage building which will be turned into the Coroner's Office. It was decided to also advertise in the Gazette and on the County Website and Facebook.
- He informed the board of a 7-8 week production wait on the cooler and asked if the Board would allow him to order the cooler soon. This will be on the next county board agenda for approval to order.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller...

- Employee Day has been set for October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Budget Hearings will be August 15<sup>th</sup> in the Courthouse
- He would like to check on videoing and/or streaming the board meetings.
- Mentioned all the appointments that will be coming up on the next board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Minutes submitted 8/17/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests... Tom Carter, Rocky Morris, Brad Gesell, John Owens and other interested parties.

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In the absence of Coroner Lefler, Assistant Coroner John Owens talked to the board about the cooler system needed for the coroner's office. The request is for the American Wholesale Refrigeration unit, and will be voted on during the following County Board Meeting.

Owens also mentioned a few trips that the Coroner's office recently had to make to other facilities. One in particular involved moving a body 3 different times.

The appointments on the following County Board Agenda will be tabled except for the appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM

Minutes submitted 8/31/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee