

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Dec 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by J. Larry Miller. This meeting was held in the Franklin County Courthouse, County Board Room 133, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Kevin Wilson, called the roll. Members in attendance were J. Larry Miller, Angela Evans, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, Jack Warren, and Kevin Weston. Brad Wilson was absent.

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Ray Minor lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time.

Tom Carter stated concerns about septic possibly provided for the morgue if not city sewer system would be part of discharge. Money to be spent and legal question remain.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Curtis Overton made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting, the November 30, 2022 and December 5, 2022 Special County Board Meetings. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Ray Minor made a motion to pay the claims on file. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN-WILLIAMSON
BI-COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT ANNUAL
TAX LEVY -
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the resolution for the Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department Annual Tax Levy for fiscal year beginning December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2023 and he explained the dollar amounts are provided by the Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department. John Gossett had a question about the levy is a higher number and the levy is driven by law per Chairman J. Larry Miller, this levy is not a county tax.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the annual tax levy as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-48.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) to execute deeds on the parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

John Gossett made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-49 thru 2022-109.

**ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR
2022 - 2023 -
ORDINANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the 2022 / 2023 Tax Levy ordinance. Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that Gayla Prather, Steve Vercellino and myself have worked on these levies having some increases all within the limits and he gave compliments to Kevin Wilson, County Clerk and Karen Kase, County Clerk Chief Deputy Clerk for their assistance in helping with the levy procedures.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the 2022 / 2023 Tax Levy ordinance as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2022-06.

2021 AUDIT - ACCEPT

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the 2021 County Audit by Sarah Kary from the Rice Sullivan LLC CPA located in DuQuoin, Illinois.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the 2021 County Audit as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said 2021 County Audit is made a part of these minutes.

**SCHOOL RESOURCE
OFFICE (SRO) SERVICE
AGREEMENT - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of School Resource Office (SRO) Service Agreement and he informed the County Board that this will need to be tabled at this time.

**SCANNING & LINKING
PLATS THROUGH
SIDWELL & US IMAGING
(ARPA) - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is approval of the Sidwell Agreement and a proposal from US Imaging / Scanning of Subdivision Plats using the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. It involves to scan, capture & image processing - includes scanning, image cropping, border removal, masking, image enhancements & grouping / naming of images and

project resource management and import for a total cost of \$4,580.00 for Sidwell. And the proposal to scan subdivision plats by US Imaging will have a total estimated cost of \$3,292.07 with the total of both being \$7,872.07. Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments discussed the benefits of having the plats scanned and indexed and then Tammy Price, GIS Mapping would be doing this going forward.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the agreement and proposal as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-14 and the proposal is made a part of these minutes.

**HIRE ARCHITECT FOR
MORGUE - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to hire an architect for the County Morgue and he informed the County Board that this will need to be tabled at this time.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC.
#19**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. #19 but the claim is made to White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. for 98% construction administration for a total of \$22,514.77.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. #19 / White & Borgognoni Architects P.C. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**ALL STARS AND
STITCHES**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is All Stars and Stitches for black plastic laser engraved office signs for a total of \$31.50.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the payment to All Stars and Stitches. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**FW PLUMBING INC FOR
JDC (ARPA)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is FW Plumbing Inc. for the Juvenile Detention Center funding from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) for multiple cell blocks were pumped to clean material out of sewer system for a total of \$2,180.60.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the payment to FW Plumbing Inc. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**IMRF AUTHORIZED
AGENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the appointment of an IMRF Authorized Agent due to Greg Woolard retiring. He explained that this employee must be a full time employee.

Jack Warren made a motion to appoint Kevin Wilson as the IMRF Authorized Agent. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said notice of appointment of authorized agent is made a part of these minutes.

**CROSSWALK COMMUNITY
ACTION AGENCY - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are two appointments to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board, and he stated that Curtis Overton and Jim Muir's terms are ending December 31, 2022 and he recommends reappointing Curtis Overton and Jim Muir for another two year term ending December 31, 2024 on the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board.

Neil Hargis made a motion to reappoint Curtis Overton and Jim Muir to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DENNING CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Denning Cemetery Association Board which will need to be tabled because there is no replacement at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COM.
MENTAL "708" HEALTH
/ CENTERSTONE - 3
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are three appointments to the Franklin County Committee Mental "708" Health / Centerstone Board, and he stated that Peggy Carpenter, Cheryl Herron and Dee Harp terms are ending December 31, 2022 and he recommends reappointing Peggy Carpenter, Cheryl Herron and Dee Harp for another four year term ending December 31, 2026 on the Franklin County Committee Mental "708" Health / Centerstone Board.

Curtis Overton made a motion to reappoint Peggy Carpenter, Cheryl Herron and Dee Harp to the Franklin County Committee Mental "708" Health / Centerstone Board. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**GREATER EGYPT
REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are two appointments to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission Board. Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board informed everyone that there is only one appointment needed not two appointments that was on the agenda. Chairman J. Larry Miller recommends reappointing Cindy Humm for another three year term ending December 31, 2025.

Neil Hargis made a motion to reappoint Cindy Humm to the Greater Egypt Regional Planning Commission Board. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**MINER'S CEMETERY OF
ROYALTON - 7
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are seven appointments to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Board and he asked Curtis Overton to present the list for the seven new board members for the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton. Curtis Overton stated that Christy Powers will replace Tracy Diuguid, Patrick Powers will replace Pete Young, Daniel Staggs will replace Don Waldron, and Vicky King will replace Fred Lukek these board members terms will expire March 1, 2028. Then Curtis Overton stated that Kevin Nix will replace Shawn McPhail, Diane Walker will replace Virgil Carpenter and Sheila Stubblefield will replace Jock Leffler these board members terms will expire March 1, 2025.

Neil Hargis made a motion to accept the new board members for the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Board as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**REND LAKE AREA
TOURISM COUNCIL - 4
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are four appointments to the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council, which are Kathy Crawford, Brad Rogers, Rachel Gartner and Kristy Vercellino these terms will expire on December 31, 2022 and he recommends reappointing Kathy Crawford, Brad Rogers, Rachel Gartner and Kristy Vercellino for another three year term ending December 31, 2025.

Ray Minor made a motion to reappoint all members as recommended to the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLERK &
CORONER REPORTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the November, 2022 monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk and Franklin County Coroner.

John Gossett made motion to approve the reports as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is closed session and he asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel for office holders and coal mine leases.

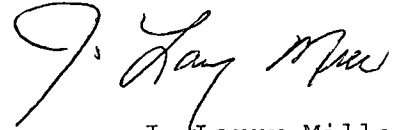
Ray Minor made a motion at 6:55 p.m. to go into a closed session. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Curtis Overton made a motion at 7:51 p.m. to return to open meeting. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Neil Hargis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Kevin Wilson
County Clerk and Recorder