

December 4, 2023

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
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) Ray Minor – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- (x) Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- () Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Jack Warren – Labor Negotiations (Animal Control)
- (x) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- (x) Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

County Offices

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- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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Guests (Public Comments)...Dennis Mitchell, Tami Price and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present. Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Cash flow summary as of 11/30/2023 was \$8,735,894.
- ARPA balance is \$4,929,934.64.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-4-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Question was asked concerning payments made on Juvenile Detention Center (JDC). He told the board that the payment for 12-1-2023 was made. He will follow up on the amount still owed.

ROE21 Superintendent of Schools Lorie LeQuatte presented her quarterly report...

- Several projects ahead.
- Superintendent LeQuatte was appointed as 1 of 3 Vice Presidents for the state association.
- Book Drive was very successful.
- Coats for Kids was also very successful and helped over 240 students.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-4-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir spoke about the changes that have taken place which have affected his revenue.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM

Minutes submitted 12/14/2023

Ray Minor - Finance Committee

December 18, 2023

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Prior to the meeting, Larry Miller led pray for EMA Director Ryan Buckingham, who is in Louisville, Kentucky Hospital. He was also asked to remember Kirby Williams, who is also in the hospital.

Guests (Public Comments)... Terry Allen, Telitha Allen, Dave Willmore, (all spoke about the problems they were having with dogs in their neighborhood. Other pets have been hurt and killed by a couple of dogs that are being allowed to run free by their owner. With children in their neighborhood and elderly, there is a fear that the animals could attack those also. Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Williams explained the problems they have with picking up these animals and keeping them off the run. Sheriff Bacon commented that he would work with Williams to resolve this problem) and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present. Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Cash flow summary as of 12/18/2023 was \$9,218,019.
- ARPA balance is \$4,928,989.64.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-18-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Tax sale will be 1-12-2024
- Most of the collected taxes have been distributed.
- Budget books will be ready soon.
- Budget Report for November, 2023 should be out by the end of the week.

Chairman Miller...

- Asked if we are in a better cash position than we were in the past years. Vercellino responded that when he became treasurer in 2018, cash was not in a good position, and we are definitely doing better than we were then.
- He will be sending a letter to all department heads concerning the need to stay within their budget. It is a very tight budget this year.
- The Levy is on the agenda for tonight's county board meeting. He mentioned that the county has again not gone over 4.99 %. He does think we need to look closer at that possibility next year.

Board Member John Gossett asked about the payment schedule for the Juvenile Detention Center. Discussion followed.

Board Member Ray Minor asked Vercellino to explain the fraudulent check and how he worked with SCD Rea to have coverage. Minor recommended Vercellino for getting that coverage. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM
Minutes submitted 12/28/2023
Ray Minor - Finance Committee