

DATE: December 4, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY
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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.

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- John Gossett – Chairman
- Angela Evans
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- Curtis Overton
- Jack Warren – Animal Control
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

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- Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
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- Marty Leffler, Coroner
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Guests (Public Comments)...Dennis Mitchell, Tami Price and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Gosset then asked for any reports:

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Presented his report for October and November. The full reports can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-4-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1 and 12-4-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- Then showed the board a couple of pictures with clean-up work and other work that has been done in the Coroner's office. The pictures can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-4-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3.
- Currently, no time line from Paul Miller Construction to begin work.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Presented his November report, which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-4-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 4.
- Informed the board that a family member of one of the inmates had reported about mold in the jail. IMS Laboratory was immediately contacted. After the inspection, Sheriff Bacon was told that the air inside the jail was better than the air outside the facility. The report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-4-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 5.
- Sheriff Bacon then informed the board about a recent staff battery. The officer will need to be off work for a little while.
- Since September 18th, when the Safety Act started, all detainable offenses in our county have received detention time in county jail, and only 1 person was placed on home monitoring.

Chairman Gossett reported...

- Christopher has lost their dog-catcher and may be needing county coverage again.
- The employee at the Animal Control that has been on leave, has given Supervisor Bobbie Williams her decision not to return.
- Supervisor Williams will be asking the board to approve her decision to hire the temporary, part-time employee to be hired for the full-time position that is now open. This will be on the December 18th County Board agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM

Minutes submitted 12/14/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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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.

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Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Williams introduced her new employee, Bobby Blaylock, who will fill an empty position in Animal Control. She had worked for the Animal Control several years ago...

- County Board Member Curtis Overton asked if Friends of Franklin County Animal Control were still helping at the animal control.
- He was assured they were a lot of help in finding homes for the animals.
- Supervisor Williams also thanked Rural King for their Christmas Tree list which helped with supplies.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon commented that he will have a new employee starting Tuesday, next week.

On Friday, she will be a graduate of Southwestern Illinois College 16 week police academy, and she will then begin her 12 week field training program at the Sheriff's office. After that she will be placed in the work line-up sometime in March or the first of April.

Chairman Larry Miller was asked about appointments to be made during the following County Board meeting...

- He responded that most of them would be re-appointments,
- GERPC will have one new appointee, due to someone deciding to step down.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM

Minutes submitted 12/28/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee