

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Feb 18, 2025

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Neil Hargis. 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 Neil Hargis, Dave Bartoni, Angela Evans, John Gossett, J. Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson.

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager; Kyle Bacon, County Sheriff; Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency - by phone; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; and other interested parties.

**PLEDGE**

Brad Wilson lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis asked if there is anyone who wants to make public comments? No one had any comments at this time.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

J. Larry Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2025 Regular County Board Meeting. Brad Wilson second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLAIMS**

Kevin Weston made a motion to pay the claims on file. John Gossett second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR IL PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK - AGREEMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the first item on the agenda is the Intergovernmental Agreement Providing for Membership in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network Agreement.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2025-04.

**RESOLUTION TO  
FURNISH MATERIALS  
FOR SECTION  
25-00000-00-GM**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution to furnish materials for Section 25-00000-00-GM Maintenance County and asked Matt Barnett, County Engineer to present these resolution. Matt Barnett, County Engineer presented the resolution County Maintenance for 25-00000-00-GM for materials. Crossroads 2 LLC from Junction, Illinois for CA-10 Surfacing Material; CA-16 Seal Coat Aggregate and Erosion Control Material RIP RAP 3; Emulsicoat from Urbana, Illinois for BIT.MTLS Liquid Asphalt HFE-90/150 or RS-2 Delivered and Illini Asphalt, from Benton Illinois for Emulsified Asphalt Grade HFE-300, BIT.MTLS Liquid Asphalt, HFE-90/150 or RS-2 Applied and BIT.MTLS Liquid Asphalt HFP Applied all are the low bidders and he recommends approval.

J. Larry Miller made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-22.

**RESOLUTION TO  
FURNISH MATERIALS  
FOR SECTION  
25-XX000-00-GM**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the 2025 Township Maintenance 25-XX000-00-GM and asked Matt Barnett, County Engineer to explain. Matt Barnett, County Engineer presented the resolution for the Township Road districts and they are as follows: Barren, Benton, Browning, Cave, Denning, Eastern, Ewing, Frankfort, Goode, Northern, Six-Mile & Tyrone. Awarding Bidders: Beelman Logistic LLC, East St. Louis, Illinois to furnish Surfacing Material CA 10, Seal Coat Aggregate CA 16, Surfacing Material CA 6/10, and Surfacing Material CA 10 & 11; Illini Asphalt, Benton, Illinois to furnish BIT.MTLS

Liquid Asphalt HFE-150 or RS-2 Applied, BIT.MTLS Liquid Asphalt HFP, Seal Coat Aggregate CA 16 applied, Emulsified Asphalt Grade HFE-300; and Crossroads 2 LLC, Junction, Illinois to furnish Seal Coat Aggregate CA 16, Surfacing Material CA 6/10, Surfacing Material CA 10 & 16 were the low bidders. There are twelve townships and the resolution states which low bidder was awarded that contract and he recommends approval.

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-23.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING  
CONTRACT FOR  
YELLOWBANKS ROAD**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution in the awarding of contract for FAS 1877 Yellowbanks Road Section 24-00195-00-RS in the amount of 337,974.86 with Samron Midwest Contracting.

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-24.

**CONTRACT FOR  
YELLOWBANKS ROAD  
WITH SAMRON MIDWEST  
CONTRACTING**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the contract for Yellowbanks Road with Samron Midwest Contracting and he informed the County Board that this resolution will need to be tabled at this time.

**CONTRACT BOND FOR  
SECTION  
24-00195-00-RS**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the contract bond for Yellowbanks Road with Samron Midwest Contracting and he informed the County Board that this resolution will need to be tabled at this time.

**VIOLATION OF PLAT  
ACT FOR CHARLES  
MILLER - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of violation of Plat Act requirement on Charles Miller to sale 5.38 acres with only 25' of access, which requirement is 125' access.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the violation of Plat Act requirement as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said plat is recorded on February 21, 2025 as document number 2025-0671.

**STATE'S ATTORNEYS  
APPELLATE PROSECUTOR  
- RESOLUTION**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor. Be it resolved that the Franklin County Board does hereby support the continued operation of the office of the state's attorneys appellate prosecutor as its agent to administer the operation of the appellate offices and process said appellate court cases for this county and he recommends approval.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minuter as Resolution No. 2025-25.

**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL  
AGREEMENT WITH CITY  
OF BENTON**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Inter-Governmental Agreement with the City of Benton and the agreement states that the County has office space that is located in the northern part of the basement of the County's Administrative building located at 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois and the City of Benton have consulted regarding the use of office space in the County's building and have agreed that approximately 2,500 square feet of office space in the northern part of the basement is available. The City of Benton agrees to pay rent in the monthly amount of \$3,000.00 retroactively to

January 1, 2025 and continue making said payment on the first day of each month thereafter until such time either party modifies or terminates the agreement.

Curtis Overton made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2025-05.

**DELTA DENTAL OF  
ILLINOIS - DENTAL  
BENEFITS RENEWAL -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Delta Dental of Illinois Benefits renewal.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the renewal for the Delta Dental as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Delta Dental is made a part of these minutes.

**DELTA VISION OF  
ILLINOIS - DELTA  
VISION RENEWAL -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Delta Vision of Illinois renewal.

J. Larry Miller made a motion to approve the renewal for the Delta Vision as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Delta Vision is made a part of these minutes.

**REIMBURSE \$35.00 TO  
EMPLOYEES - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of reimbursing \$35.00 to employees portion of their contribution for one month that submitted information to Hope / Trust as stated in the letter dated September 9, 2024 that was sent to the employees.

Dave Bartoni made a motion to approve the reimbursement as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**CROSSWALK COM ACTION AGENCY - 1 APPOINTMENT** Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board for the resignation of Christy Powers.

Brad Wilson made a motion to appoint Stephanie Sasade to replace Christy Powers on the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board for a two year term ending December 31, 2026. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY - 1 APPOINTMENT** Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority and he informed the County Board that this need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD - 1 APPOINTMENT** Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin County Hospital Board and he informed the County Board that this need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH "708" BOARD - 1 APPOINTMENT** Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin County Community Mental Health "708" Board and he presented a letter from the Mental Health "708" Board requesting that Ellen Popit be appointed to replace Peggy Carpenter who has resigned. This appointment will be to fill Peggy Carpenter's unexpired term ending December 31, 2026.

Kevin Weston made a motion to appoint Ellen Popit to the Franklin County Community Mental Health "708" Board to fill Peggy Carpenter's unexpired term. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**MINER'S CEMETERY OF ROYALTON - 7 APPOINTMENTS** Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton and he informed the County Board that this need to be tabled at this time.

**REND LAKE AREA  
TOURISM COUNCIL - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council and he informed the County Board that this need to be tabled at this time.

**COUNTY CLERK &  
SHERIFF - MONTHLY  
REPORTS**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda are the January, 2025 monthly reports from the County Clerk and Sheriff reports.

Kevin Weston made motion to approve the reports as presented. J. Larry Miller second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**ROE - QUARTERLY  
REPORT #2**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda is the ROE (Regional Office of Education) Quarter #2 Report this report is Reports of Official Arts July 2024 - June 2025.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the ROE Quarter #2 Report as presented. J. Larry Miller seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said report is made a part of these minutes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Neil Hargis informed everyone that we will have no closed session.

**RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis asked the Board if there were any questions. Curtis Overton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Evans second the motion. There being no further business Chairman Neil Hargis declared the meeting adjourned.



Neil Hargis  
Franklin County Board Chairman



Kevin Wilson  
County Clerk and Recorder