

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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DATE February 3, 2025

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
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**Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services,)**  
**DECEMBER, 2024 THRU NOVEMBER, 2025**  
**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) David Bartoni – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans - Animal Control
- (x) John Gossett - EMA
- (x) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Larry Miller
- (x) Ray Minor
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Kevin Weston
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino, Jason Ashmore (Gave a thanks to the County Board and accepted the Check from the Opioid funding that was donated to Sesser for their K9 needs) and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:56 PM by Chairman, David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Gave his Monthly Report – February 3, 2025 which can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 02-03-2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Is working on retaining blue prints of the JDC to be available for a quicker response to interested parties.

Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Williams...

- Her employees have a contract that is expired.
- Is wanting to do tile removal in the entrance area of the office.
- She would like to have just cement, which would be better to clean.

County Board Chairman Neil Hargis...

- Job Description for Office Manager will be on the county website in a few days. Notice will be on Facebook when it's available.
- Is also still deciding the interview process.
- Is also working on Appointments for Cross Walk, and the Hospital Board

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted 01/30/2025

David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee

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Guests (Topic of Comment), Donnie Miklos, Tami Price and other interested parties  
No Public Comments

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The meeting was called to order at 5:47 PM by Chairman, David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Bartoni...

- Has been looking into a bullet resistance material called Clear Armor
- Clear Armor is made in the Chicago area and they also install.
- He is going to check on any other similar materials and the cost.
- It was discussed that it could be good for several areas.
- A bullet will still go through a bullet proof glass and a second shot could break the glass.
- The Clear Armor will stall someone from getting through.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Announced that at 11:00 AM on Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, Katie Green, Chief Operating Officer for Illinois Coalition of Community Services will be coming with a group for a walk through the JDC.
- Currently they have a house in Williamson County, their agreement is almost over and they want a different area.
- This group has made 3 walk-throughs in our building.
- Also, Southern Illinois Task Force is looking for an admin building. Won't need phones, IT, or furniture. In the past, we have had \$10,000.00 in our budget for the SITF and somehow it wasn't furnished this year. A possible plan was mentioned.
- We do need to get people in the JDC.

County Board Chairman Hargis is working on the spots that need to be filled for a few of the committees, that are a part of the board's responsibility to appoint.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 PM

Minutes submitted 02/27/2025

David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee