

February 5, 2024

**FINANCE,  
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,  
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)  
DECEMBER 2023 THRU NOVEMBER 2024  
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)
- ( ) Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- (x) Curtis Overton
- ( ) David Bartoni
- (x) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- (x) Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

County Offices

- ( ) Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- ( ) Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- ( ) Abigail Dinn
- ( ) Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- ( ) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
- ( ) Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ( ) Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (Public Comments)...Joe Farley and Blake Benjamin, both with Novacom, Steve Vercellino and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending. There were no public comments.

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

- Cash flow summary beginning balance as of 02/05/2024 was \$9,826,379

- ARPA balance is \$4,962,684.86
- Included with the ARPA information, Vercellino included a sheet listing the projects and the amount that has been spend from the ARPA funding.
- The full report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 2-05-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tax distribution was made 1-30-2024
- The cars being purchased by the Sherriff's office must be paid up front and will then be reimbursed for the trade ins.
- His department is currently working on reconciliation of January.
- Board Member John Gossett asked if there has been a noticeable difference since the Juvenile Detention Center was closed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit. Vercellino said that at this time there hasn't been a big change. Some monies are coming back to us because bills were paid in advance and was no longer needed.
- Gossett then asked how much money we should not have to pay because of the closure. Vercellino said that at this time, he can't respond on that.
- County Board Chairman Larry Miller commented on the list that included courthouse construction project claims but not all that has actually been paid on the courthouse.
- Miller then asked Vercellino if, from now on, he would only pay the amounts due on the courthouse financing, and not make larger payments without agreement and permission from the board. After several responses, Vercellino did say he would not pay extra money on the financing without board approval.
- After that, the board and Vercellino then discussed Positive Pay for the county's bank accounts.
- Joe Farley and Blake Benjamin, both with NovaCom were there to explain the "Halo Cloud". This is an item that would add another layer of safety inside a building. The full information provided can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 2-05-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2. This will also be on the next board meeting agenda to be included for the Campbell Building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM  
 Minutes submitted 02/15/2024  
 Ray Minor - Finance Committee

February 20, 2024

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Guests (Public Comments)...Greg Garner with Archimages, Steve Vercellino and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending. There were no public comments.

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

- Cash flow summary beginning balance as of 02/20/2024 was \$9,147,550.

- ARPA balance is \$4,770,129.03. Estimated funds needed for the Coroner's Officer and Dispatch addition would leave a remaining ARPA balance of \$570,129.03
- Included with the ARPA information, Vercellino again included a sheet listing the projects and the amount that has been spend from the ARPA funding.
- The full report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 2-20-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Miscellaneous State checks came in this day.
- Contingency fund is good.
- Positive Pay for County General Fund is being set up. Vercellino continues to meet with the bank to get this completed.

Supervisor of Assessment Cindy Miklos...

- Explained to the board about a violation of the plat act that is on the Board Agenda. This request will be decided during the following Board Meeting.
- The Board, County Engineer Matt Barnett and Miklos also discussed reviewing the current plat act and possible changes that could be helpful to the county residents. This will be presented to the board at a later time.
- Miklos informed the board that she will have 2 employees retiring later this year. Her plans are to begin advertising for the positions, interviews and then a plan to provide 2 weeks training for the selected employees. She will keep the board informed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

Minutes submitted 02/29/2024

Ray Minor - Finance Committee