

DATE: February 6, 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.**

**COMMITTEEMEN:**

- (x) John Gossett – Chairman - Phone
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
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Guests... Rocky Morris, (Questions concerning 20 and 21 Audit and Forensic Audit – are we moving forward and how can the Forensic Audit be correct without all corrections completed on 20 and 21 Audits...Chairman Miller responded - We are aware of it and are continually making adjustments and moving forward. Board Member Brad Wilson reminded all that Troy Luh, our Forensic Auditor would probably be making recommendations concerning better practices when he is through with his audit), Tom Carter, Paul Tart, Dwayne Williams, and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Board Member Angela Evans to assist Chairman John Gossett present due to phone call. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Franklin County Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Gave his Sheriff's Report - The complete report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 2-06-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Introduced Paul Tart with Take Action Today – a not for profit drug abuse program that is active in Franklin County Jail facility for inmates in need of a recovery plan.
- Sheriff Bacon also had price quotes from NovaCom for panic buttons and swipe card readers at the Campbell Building. Has asked for this to be put on the 2-21-2023 County Board Agenda. The quote can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 2-06-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.

Coroner Marty Leffler submitted his January 2023 Coroner's report. This report will be on the 2-21-2023 County Board Agenda for approval.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...

- EMA has started a commodity flow study due to transportation of hazardous materials in our area.
- Hazard plan has been submitted to FEMA.
- Explained some of the progress concerning a possible Central Dispatch for the county.
- Has been working on an Employee Safety Portal – for employee safety training.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Reminded Director Buckingham and Sheriff Bacon about creating a yearly budget on what they think it will cost to run the Dispatch Center.
- Would like to see the ARPA Application process and plan, ready to go in the next month or so. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Minutes submitted 2/16/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests... Tom Carter, Pam Boyd (SCT), and other interested parties.

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Franklin County Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Nova Com had been back to give us quotes for Panic Buttons at the Justice Center and Animal Control also. Nova Com's quotes for panic buttons, for Animal Control, Justice Center and Campbell Building will be on the following evening's County Board agenda. Their quote for cameras in the Campbell Building will also be on the same agenda.
- When asked his opinion on the value of these items as security aids, he felt that other than having a full-time security office in the building, the above options will be very best options in keeping the Campbell Building safe.
- He was also grateful for the repairs on the roof. The roofer is still checking on a partial amount of the price could still be covered through warranty.

Coroner Marty Leffler mentioned that he had finished the legal paperwork on the unclaimed body he still had, and he will soon be sending to be cremated.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham (for the parties involved)...

- Updated the board on the plan to go forward with an Emergency Management Headquarters, 911(Dispatch) Center and Emergency Operation Center to be built as an addition to the current Sheriff's office.
- Explained the item on the following night's Board agenda concerning the Request for Qualification (RFQ)

Discussion followed concerning the Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Minutes submitted 3/2/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee