

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING

Jan 17, 2023

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Sheriff Kyle Bacon; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer and other interested parties.

### PLEDGE

Chairman J. Larry Miller lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time.

Friends of FCAC (Franklin County Animal Control) Group meet so many People in Southern Illinois and Northern Illinois, Pekin, Illinois / Champaign, Illinois asking what's going on down there. Bobbie has made a difference in Animal Control warning it would be a disservice if you do anything with Bobbie. People call about dog issues doing best I can. Other animal control person didn't speak. Alexis had to pick up two dogs on her own - it's a mad house. We are proud to work with Bobbie.

American Legion / Veterans 2 - 4 months Veteran Assistance Committee will be proposing tax levy.

Doddie Darr, Animal Control many years involved since 2005.

The different Supervisor Bobbie is perfect for the job. Takes care of animals.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** Jack Warren made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting, and January 3, 2023 Special County Board Meetings. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLAIMS** Kevin Weston made a motion to pay the claims on file. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DELINQUENT TAX PROGRAM - RESOLUTIONS** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) to execute deeds on the parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Kevin Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2023-01 and 2023-02.

**MAINTENANCE FOR MFT COUNTY HIGHWAY FUNDS - RESOLUTION** Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the County Motor Fuel Maintenance Tax Resolution and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained to the County Board this is a resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code section number 23-00000-00-GM is hereby appropriated \$1,150,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023 and he asked for approval.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2023-03.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY  
SPECIAL COUNTY  
BRIDGE FUND REPAY  
\$360,000**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the repay of \$360,000 to County Highway Special County Bridge fund and he recommends approval.

Jack Warren made a motion to repay \$360,000 to the County Highway Special County Bridge fund as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY  
MILEAGE RATE -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Wilson stated that the next item on the agenda is the Franklin County Mileage rate agreement and he explained this rate is set by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Travel Reimbursement each year. This year it is \$0.655 / mile effective January 1, 2023.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the mileage rate as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2023-02.

**RELEASE CLOSED  
SESSION MINUTES -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to release closed session minutes.

John Gossett a motion to not release closed session minutes. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted no.

**DESTROY CLOSED  
SESSION TAPES -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to destroy closed session tapes.

Kevin Weston made a motion to destroy the closed session tapes. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**NOVACOM CAMERA  
UPDATE - SHERIFF'S  
OFFICE (ARPA) -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of NovaCom Camera Update for the Sheriff's office to be paid with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund and he asked Sheriff Kyle Bacon to explain. Sheriff Kyle Bacon presented the invoice and then informed the County Board that this update of camera system at the jail will cost \$58,754.69.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the update as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**CIRCUIT CLERK -  
SCANNING WILLS /  
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
(ARPA) - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Circuit Clerk Scanning Wills / Necessary Documents to be paid with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund and he asked Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk to explain. Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk explain this is a contract between the Circuit Clerk's office and Kay Kearney to scan these documents on a part-time basis for a twelve week contract the total amount to paid will be \$3,240.00.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes.

**COUNTY TREASURER  
TRAVEL REQUEST FOR  
TRAINING - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the travel request for Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer and he asked Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer to explain. Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer presented an email stating that this is the Illinois Office of Comptroller, 2023 County Treasurer Training Program and this is mandatory training. He stated that most everything will be paid for, travel outside should be minimal.

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

Said email is made a part of these minutes.

**COMMSQUAD  
(COURTHOUSE - 1%)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Comm Squad (Courthouse - 1%) for the computer monitors and supplies for the Security Office for a total of \$4,218.00.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the payment to Comm Squad (Courthouse - 1%). Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**UNIVERSAL GLASS &  
CARPET INC  
(COURTHOUSE - 1%)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Universal Glass & Carpet Inc. (Courthouse - 1%) for replace a unit for a total of \$3,495.00.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the payment to Universal Glass & Carpet Inc. (Courthouse - 1%). Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**US BANK CREDIT CARD  
(COURTHOUSE 1%)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is US Bank Credit Card (Courthouse - 1%) for mount & lights, First Responder fill kit and deluxe trauma fill kit and more and purchase of tv, mounts and more for a total of \$1,770.10.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the payment to US Bank Credit Card (Courthouse - 1%). Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**MCCOY AND HOWARD  
(SHERIFF OFFICE -  
ARPA)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is McCoy & Howard (Sheriff Office - ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act]) for the HVAC Upgrade at the County Jail for a total of \$4,000.00.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the payment to McCoy & Howard (Sheriff Office - ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act]). Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**DENNING CEMETERY  
ASSOCIATION - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Denning Cemetery Association Board which will need to be tabled because there is no replacement at this time.

**COUNTY CLERK,  
CORONER AND SHERIFF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the December, 2022 monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk and Franklin County Coroner. Sheriff didn't present as report at this time.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the reports as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**QUARTERLY TOURISM  
REPORT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the Tourism Quarterly report from the Rend Lake Tourism Council.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the report as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is closed session and he asked for a motion to go into closed session.

Jack Warren made a motion at 6:27 p.m. to go into a closed session. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION**

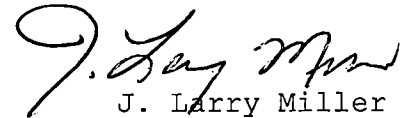
Kevin Weston made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to return to open meeting. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ANIMAL CONTROL  
EMPLOYMENT -  
POSSIBLE ACTION**

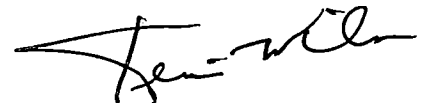
Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is action for an Animal Control Employment which this is tabled.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Curtis Overton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller  
Franklin County Board Chairman



Kevin Wilson  
County Clerk and Recorder