

January 2, 2024

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
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) Ray Minor – Chairman (Phone)
- (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
- () Jack Warren – Labor Negotiations (Animal Control) - Has Resigned
- (x) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- (x) Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

County Offices

- (x) Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- () Marty Leffler, Coroner
- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- () LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
- () Monica Urban, Probation
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Guests (Public Comments)...Kevin Hall(How the employees of the Juvenile Detention Center were told about its closing), Dave Severin, Terri Bryant, Taylor Bryan, Molly Parker, Josh Conner, and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 by County Board Member Brad Wilson in the absence of Chairman Ray Minor, who was on the phone during the evening. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their 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 12/31/2023 was \$9,500,645
- ARPA balance is \$4,947,117.92.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-2-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Budget books were handed out to the board members.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Asked about the balance on the Courthouse Fund. Per Vercellino the amount is around 1.4M.
- Mentioned preparation for the next county audit.
- Explained the PLAWAP policy that is on the following evening's agenda for the Special Board Meeting. It is a mandatory act that concerns paid sick leave for part-time employees.

Discussion was then had concerning the amount of JDC employees that would be out of employment. The Sheriff commented that his requirements were different from the JDC requirements, but he would be open to helping as he can. Board Member Angela Evans asked if training cost would be monitored and was assured it would be.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM
Minutes submitted 01/11/2024
Ray Minor - Finance Committee

January 16, 2024

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Guests (Public Comments)...(Davee Followell, Bonnie Flood, Amy Sileven, Cindy Miklos, all spoke on their concern with security in the Campbell Building) and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their 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 01/16/2024 was \$9,500,645
- ARPA balance is \$4,946,172.92.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-16-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Should be another distribution the end of January and then a final distribution, which is an even smaller amount and is a clean-up of the monies received. It will be the end of February/early March.
- Last Friday was the tax sale.
- Financials for the end of December will be emailed to the County Board members shortly.
- Have received monies from the state...income tax, usual reimbursements for officials, etc
- Have also received reimbursements for Juvenile Detention Center salaries and will continue to receive this until the State catches up with the disbursements prior to the shut-down. The state is usually a few months behind on the reimbursements.
- The state has not always reimbursed 100% of the salaries. Discussion followed on this and how it has affected the budget.

Lorie LeQuatte, Regional Superintendent of Schools, presented her Quarterly Report (July – September) to the board. Discussion followed...

- There are 119 Administrators within ROE #21. This includes, superintendents, principals, assistant principals, and CEO's.
- The district also has approximately 1300 professional educators.
- LeQuatte mentioned that they are always looking for even more professional educators and substitute educators.
- Her full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-16-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2, and will be accepted and approved at the following evening County Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

Minutes submitted 02/01/2024

Ray Minor - Finance Committee