

DATE: January 2, 2024

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DECEMBER, 2022 THRU NOVEMBER, 2023
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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.

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- (x) John Gossett – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- () Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services (Phone)
- (x) Curtis Overton
- () Jack Warren – Animal Control - Has Resigned
- (x) Kevin Weston
- () Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

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- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- () Marty Leffler, Coroner
- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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- () LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
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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 Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Gosset then asked for any reports:

Sheriff Kyle Bacon ...

- Gave his full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-2-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Mentioned the Law Enforcement Training Exercise in cooperation with the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency and the Thompsonville Police Department conducted at Thompsonville High School complex.
- County Board Chairman Larry Miller asked him if the sheriffs in Illinois have discussed the border crossing issues. Bacon said that topic is on next month's conference call for the sheriff's.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller...

- Updated the board on one of the items on the following night's agenda for a special board meeting. They will be appointing an interim director for Emergency Management Agency. Director Ryan Buckingham is currently having health issues and is off work while he focuses on that.
- Mentioned Judge Melissa Morgan had released a press comment about her closing the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM

Minutes submitted 01/02/2024

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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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 Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Gosset began his meeting with a discussion about the Juvenile Detention Center Building. On December 29, 2023, after the JDC was closed, he, Sheriff Kyle Bacon, and Chief Deputy Kevin Roye toured the building to see what could be done with it...

- It appeared to be in pretty good shape.
- It needs painted, cleaned, and a few new locks installed.
- It does look to be usable with a little work, but the pods cannot be reconfigured.
- We will have to use some areas as it was built.
- There are areas that could be used for offices.
- We have been contacted for information concerning the building.
- There is a gym in one end of the building.
- Nothing has been decided at this time, but there are various possibilities for this building.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Gave his full report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 01-16-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Updated the progress on the morgue. Frame Work is being finished. Plumbers and Electricians will be not long after the frame work.

Circuit Clerk expressed his concern with not having an auditor yet. There are several ways this could negatively affect the county.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller responded that the county, with the help of the treasurer, is diligently working to find an auditor.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon spoke to the board about using 3 vehicles, no longer used by the JDC, as trade-ins. With the high amount of mileage that is on the vehicles, a trade-in will be the best use for them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM

Minutes submitted 02/01/2024

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee