

DATE: January 2, 2024

**TRANSPORTATION
(Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds)
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.

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- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett
- () Neil Hargis
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Ray Minor (Phone)
- () Jack Warren Has resigned
- (x) Brad Wilson

County Offices

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- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- () Marty Leffler, Coroner
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- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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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 5:18 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Matt Barnett/County Highway was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- Is ready to post the job opening for the Resident Engineer. This is the position that was opened after Barnett was chosen to be County Engineer.
- 21 Mine Road letting is scheduled for March. Cost of this job will mostly be provided by the state.
- Willis Rd is scheduled to be oiled and chipped, but the letting for this project has not been set at this time.

Chairman Weston gave his report...

- Asked for the Resident Engineer Job Opening be on the January 16th board agenda.
- Fager-McGee has begun work on the curb.
- County Board Member Brad Wilson asked about the landscape for the Courthouse. Weston said he has been discussing this with Fager-McGee.

County Board Member Curtis Overton updated the others about the morgue. 80% of the framing for the cooler has been accomplished.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM

Minutes submitted 01/11/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) 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 meeting was called to order at 5:17 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Matt Barnett/County Highway was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- County Highway had received several call outs during the last few days of weather. The calls were due to fallen trees rather than bad roads. The roads had been treated and this time, that had helped with the weather we were having.
- He has 2 items on the following Franklin County Board Meeting agenda. One is the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. The resolution appropriated \$1,216,150.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code for from 01-01-2024 thru 12-31-2024.
- The other item is the posting of a job opening – Resident Engineer, which was his position prior to him becoming Franklin County Highway Engineer.
- He also mentioned he would advise the board when he began interviews.

Chairman Weston gave his report...

- He mentioned he had an item on the following evening's agenda also. His item is for bullet proof glass to be installed in the Campbell Building. The bid from Marion Glass is the only bid received and it is \$25,744.00.
- He also talked about the meeting with Archimages. The architects plan on being at the next County Board Meeting, February 20th, to show the board the plans. Release to bid will then be on the agenda.
- Bids will be due March 28th and April 16th will be the awarding of bids.
- He also explained his item on the agenda for payment to Holcomb Foundation Engineering. This was for subsurface exploration and engineering report of the site for the addition at the sheriff's office. All came in good. Estimate to do the work was \$4000-\$5000 and the price came in under that amount.

Board Member Curtis Overton asked...

- How thick is the bullet proof glass Response ...1 inch counter to ceiling with a basket tray.
- How heavy are the doors into the offices? Response...Solid wood door
- Are the doors hard to breach? Response...has not checked hard ware.
- How strong are the counters? Response...does have material to reinforce
- Overton also said he had researched for the best way to provide safety in a building and it is armed security. He also doesn't think that Bullet Proof Glass is all that should be done.

Another question came up about the Election office.

Weston's Response...A different plan is being made for the Election Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 PM

Minutes submitted 02/01/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee