

DATE: January 3, 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
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Jack Warren – Animal Control
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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- (x) Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor
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Guests... Yvette Sandy (Franklin County Animal Control – mean dog in her area and felt like the response from Animal Control was not timely nor appropriate... County Board agreed to find better training for those involved), Rick Linton and Barb Linton (RLATC), Jackie Taylor, US Army Corps of Engineers, Site Manager at Rend Lake, and other interested parties

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:56 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Gossett began by mentioning cash bond is still happening at this time. Discussion followed.

- Sheriff Kyle Bacon gave his report which showed revenue for the county from November Federal Holding. The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-3-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Coroner, Marty Leffler gave his December report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-3-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.

Discussion then followed between the Board and Leffler concerning his needs for the proposed morgue and the possible places for the morgue

- Leffler has had to use his own funeral home a couple of times for holding bodies.
- Payments that have to be made to other counties for use of their freezer spaces, and explained the fees that were charged for that.
- Would like to have at least 10-15 spaces in the morgue.
- Discussion on the possibility of using either an area behind the County Highway off of McLeansboro Street or by the Storage Building on East Washington Street.

Animal Control Supervisor, Bobbie Overturf responded to the problems concerning her department...

- She has been short-handed since last August,
- She has recently hired a full-time employee and is now working and trying to train someone at the same time.
- Training for staff at animal control is hard to acquire.

The Board did ask her to talk to Department of Agriculture for ways to receive appropriate training.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller listed his plans for the county board...

- Training for each department head.
- Continue the process of a possible morgue.
- Use ARPA for the best advantage for the county.
- Hopefully proceed with 911-Central Dispatch.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Minutes submitted 1/12/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests... Yvette Sandy (Franklin County Animal Control) – thank you to the board for getting Animal Control incident under control, Diana Anthony and Kathy Millerand (Friends of Franklin County Animal Control), in support of Bobbie Overturf, Dottie Darr - in support of Bobbie Overturf, and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:38 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Franklin County Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Updated the board and the Campbell Building department heads concerning installation and connecting panic buttons.
- Alerts will be sent directly to the Sheriff's office
- Nova Com will be at the Campbell Building on the following Wednesday to see what is needed.
- Board Member Curtis Overton asked why the alerts were not sent over to the Courthouse which is closer?
- Bacon responded that the Security Guards have no jurisdiction outside of the Courthouse.

Franklin County Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Gave his year-end report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 1-17-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Sheriff Bacon and EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Reported jointly to the board concerning a possible 911 dispatch consolidation.
- Both departments have been meeting and discussing resolutions to a few road blocks and are fairly in agreement on the move.
- Next question is how do we begin? Possibly a project manager? It is a very large undertaking.
- 911 is ready to talk with County Board and other stakeholders in this project.

Chairmen Miller and Gossett said...

- We "need to move on this project!"
- We need to see budgets on cost to operate and cost to construct.

Animal Control Officer Amy Horton gave a report on the Animal Control...

- 4 dogs and 11 cats were taken for adoption today,
- Several calls concerning aggressive dogs,
- She has not received enough training on equipment,
- Bad week last week for animal control,
- She is not ready for all these problems and needs help.

Chairman Gossett said he will try to get help for the Animal Control problems.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Minutes submitted 2/2/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee