

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Date January 06, 2025

**FINANCE,  
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,  
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)  
DECEMBER 2024 THRU NOVEMBER 2025  
FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS OF THE MONTH**

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COMMITTEEMEN:

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- ( ) Dave Bartoni - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- ( ) Angela Evans – Labor Negotiations (Animal Control)
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- ( ) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman & Economic Development
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- ( ) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)

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No meeting due to an ice storm – County offices were closed.

Brad Wilson - Finance Committee

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Guests (Topic of Comment) Steve Vercellino, Wayne Keller, Janie Keller and other interested parties.

No Public Comments

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The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by County Board Chairman Neil Hargis in the absence of Finance Chairman, Brad Wilson. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County claims were then submitted and were approved and signed by all members present.

Treasurer Steve Vercellino gave his report...

- Beginning balance as of 01/21/2025 is \$8,837,062. Estimated ending of 01/31/2025 is \$8,257,603.
- The complete report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 01/21/2025 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Final distribution with interest earned will be done.
- Mentioned some of the large payments. Insurance for worker's compensation and insurance for Hope Trust
- Fager McGee payment.
- Board Member Larry Miller asked about the payment to Hope Trust ? Probation has Hope Trust for their insurance. The county pays it and it is then reimbursed. Miller...Is that a monthly payment? Vercellino answered that yes, it is.

Neil Hargis

- Will be voting on an auditor at the following meeting. He is recommending Rice Sullivan.
- Miller made the comment that we really needed different eyes on the audit. He will be a no vote.
- County Board member David Bartoni asked some questions concerning what the auditors actually look at.
- Vercellino responded that there are various ways. Bartoni... Are they going to look at all. Vercellino no, it's snap shots.
- Miller asked about the bank accounts. Vercellino gives letters to the banks to let the auditor see accounts.
- Miller suggested that we pass a resolution for our Finance Chairman have access to the bank accounts.

Tami Price gave the board an explanation for the items that she has on the following meeting...

- Easement from Flowers Farms & Kirshner Farms.
- Easement from Ryan & Emily Skibo
- Approval of violation of Plat Act requirement on Ted Howard Revocable Trust
- Kirkpatrick variance for easement and acreage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM

Minutes submitted 1/30/2025

Brad Wilson - Finance Committee