

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Office Manager

DATE: January 06, 2025

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- Angela Evans - Animal Control
- John Gossett - EMA
- Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- Larry Miller
- Ray Minor
- Curtis Overton
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson –

County Offices

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- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA (Phone)
- Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
- Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Judge Melissa Morgan
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No meeting due to ice storm – County offices were closed.

David Bartoni – Public Safety 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 5:55 PM by Chairman, David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- The Body Scanner is in and training is in the process.
- Riot (K-9) has been medically retired.
- Has 3 juveniles in St. Clair County. \$30,000 is his budget for juveniles.
- Had a vehicle donated to his department for inmate transport

Counter Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Gave his monthly report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 01/21/2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1 and also his yearly report which can also be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 01-21-2025 Public Safety Committee Attachment 2.
- He feels like the cooler is paying for itself.
- He has also had 8 autopsies.
- He and his Deputies have been having some training.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Due to ice and snow storms the County had a lot of lost power.
- A lot of roads were not usable.
- He also explained the use of the Disaster Declaration.

Liam Mungovan, Mar, MDIV
Superintendent/VSO

Veterans Assistance Commission of Franklin County

- Gave his Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report (December 1, 2023 – November 30, 2024)
- The VAC's mission is to provide compassionate support and effective advocacy for Franklin County's veterans and their families, ensuring they receive the benefits and assistance they deserve.
- His report also gives his goals for Fiscal Year 2025.
- The full report will can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 01/21/2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3

County Board Chairman Neil Hargis...

- Job Description for Office Manager will be on the county website in a few days. Notice will be on Facebook when it's available.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM

Minutes submitted 01/30/2025

David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee