

DATE: July 1, 2024

PUBLIC SAFETY
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Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services, Animal Control)
DECEMBER, 2023 THRU NOVEMBER, 2024
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:

- John Gossett – Chairman
- Angela Evans
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- Curtis Overton
- David Bartoni
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

County Offices

- Amos Abbott, Director 911
- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA 5:21 (Phone)
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Judge Melissa Morgan
- Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
- Monica Urban, Probation
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Guests (subject of those stating public comments)...Tom Carter (Security of Auditor, who was recently hacked) Steve Vercellino, William McPherson and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chairman John Gossett. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments. Gossett then asked for any reports.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Gave his Monthly report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 7-1-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1
- This report included the statistics of a second K-9 that was requested and approved in early 2013, and with cooperation from the SIDTF, and other Franklin County Municipal Agencies, since that time the successful use of K-9's has more than doubled.
- Bacon requested a third patrol K-9 to be added to the Sheriff's Office. The financing will again be through money received by the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds. This request will be on the July 15th County Board Agenda.
- Bacon then explained the current "per day cost" of Federal inmate holding is \$60.00 per day and he has requested an increase to \$85.00 per day. Increase in food and in labor has allowed most jails in our area to successfully negotiate this increase. He will keep the board informed.
- His report also included monthly jail healthcare information.
- At the current time, a nurse to handle and distribute medication (new scripts/script refills/etc.) is in our facility only 20 hours/week and he would like to find a way to raise this to 40 hours/week.
- Board member Brad Wilson asked Bacon if he had anyone reaching out to use for use of the vacant JDC. At this time that is not happening.
- Ideas were discussed about possibilities, but nothing is moving at this time.

Chairman Gossett then commented on the fact that CASA is also in need of financing from the Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds. It was discussed about how many families and children have been hurt through drug abuse and how much CASA has helped. This can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 7-1-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2. This request will also be on the July 15th County Board Agenda.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Would still like to have an open house, but a date hasn't been decided upon yet.
- The cooler will hold 12.

EMA Director, Ryan Buckingham...

- Mentioned Ground Breaking will be held on Tuesday, July 16th at 10:00 AM!!

Chairman Larry Miller has been talking with Rhett Barke concerning union contracts, but nothing to report at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM

Minutes submitted 07/11 /2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee

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Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Has had 21 people in the cooler since we opened.
- Taking in the number of days, we have \$2,075 savings since we opened for storage.
- Transport savings is \$2,000.
- Coroner's area is needing to be included for the mowing.
- Gutters are finished and looking good.
- New office areas are looking great.
- Has hired 2 more part/time deputies. Would like to have 1 person scheduled each day. (only get paid when they get called out)

County Board Member Kevin Weston reminded all about the ground breaking for the EOC at 10:00 am, on Tuesday, July 16th.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Had no appointments on the agenda.
- Will be a closed session during the following County Board Meeting.
- Questions concerning passing an ordinance on OHV
 1. Requires insurance.
 2. Can't authorize ON a highway.
 3. Would not add or subtract to the amount on the roads already.
 4. It would be for all County roads and not highways
 5. Would make vehicles safer with required lights,
 6. Sheriff's Office would have to do inspections
 7. Does the board want to do this?

Gossett would like to add verbiage to the Franklin County Board Courthouse Lighting Policy. In the second paragraph concerning: requests from any civic, religious or fraternal organizations to add animal rights and human lights. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM

Minutes submitted 08/01 /2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee