

DATE: July 1, 2024

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

- (x) Kevin Weston – Chairman, Courthouse Construction
- ( ) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett
- (x) Neil Hargis
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Ray Minor
- (x) David Bartoni
- (x) Brad Wilson

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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- (x) Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA 5:21 (Phone)
- ( ) Abigail Dinn
- ( ) Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
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- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
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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 5:39 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

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

- Finished Elkhville road blacktop project.
- Signs will also be done now.
- Doing oil and chipping.
- Auditor from Rice & Sullivan was at County Highway the previous week.
- We also have a lot of accounts at State Bank of Whittington.
- We had not heard about the breach.

Chairman Weston...

- Ground breaking will be done at 10 am on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- EMA director Ryan Buckingham will be notifying entities involved.
- He has a quote for cleaning the floors at the Justice Center from Office Management Services which includes stripping and refinishing the VCT in the justice Center and also carpet cleaning. VCT will be \$1,879.00. Cleaning the Carpet will be \$1,714.00.
- With the Justice Center over 20 years old, Weston will be getting pricing to replace the carpeting as was discussed.
- Board member Neil Hargis mentioned carpet squares if we replace the carpeting.
- There was a leak in the mini-split in the server room in the basement at the Campbell Building. Filter was bad and needed to be replaced.
- He had talked to State Representative Dave Severin and State Senator Terri Bryant recently about changes coming to the Rend Lake Resort area.
- Will probably be a 18-24 month project.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir...

- Handed out a Courthouse Lighting Policy for Franklin County Courthouse which will be on the agenda for the July 15<sup>th</sup> County Board meeting.
- This policy can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-1-2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- He will be also updating the cost for the lights and will also have that for the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Again, he explained that he has an account that he can pay half of the price for the lights to be installed.
- Discussion followed about...
  1. Board Member Brad Wilson asked who would be in charge of the remotes that would control the colors.
  2. Board Member Curtis Overton said he would be a yes vote.
  3. Others mentioned that they were ready to have the lights put on the Courthouse.
  4. It would also be a good way to support the schools.

Board Member Curtis Overton...

- Asked Jim Muir to explain to the board about a project he had brought up to Jim.
- He would like to begin planning a Veteran's Memorial Wall at the Courthouse.
- There will also be others brought in for the planning...Rick Linton, Bob Rea...
- Updates to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

Minutes submitted 07/11/2024

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

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Matt Barnett, County Highway Engineer, was asked to present County Highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- Checked at Southern Illinois Bank and State Bank of Whittington about Positive Pay for County Highway accounts. Neither of the banks use Positive Pay.
- Had a few call outs from the storms. Few trees down here and there.
- Waiting on IDOT for the Mine 21 Project. This will be a re-surfacing project and should begin in August and done in September.
- Received a call from Williamson Energy. They are moving longwall into Franklin County under #9 Blacktop. Discussion followed. \$100,000 bond has been submitted up front and another \$100,000 in cash for pre-damage. There is no bridge in the area, possible a culvert. Board will depend on Barnett to be the authorized representative. County Townships that will have mining under their area will also have an agreement with Williamson Energy.

Chairman Weston...

- Power outage at the Courthouse Thursday night and the generators took over.
- All systems came up good on the following day.
- Coroner Marty Leffler mentioned that the power had went off at the Coroner's office also with 2 in the cooler. Generator took over there also and all went well.
- He did get a quote from Benton Flooring (carpet and tile) for the State's Attorney office. He will get a quote for the Probation side also. Discussion followed. He will try to get another quote.
- Also need to paint inside the Justice Center.
- Asked to have the item on the following agenda tabled, concerning cleaning the floors at the Justice Center.
- Honeywell has sent another request to enter into a maintenance agreement.
- Justice Center is also having problems with their phones. He is working with ClearWave on pricing to replace the phone system. Discussion followed.
- Update on Bullet Proof Windows for the Campbell Building - Should be installed late August / early September for the County Clerk, Treasurer and Pre-Trial.
- Will be getting a quote on the Election and on Supervisor of Assessments for Bullet Proof Class and also small remodel of counters in both areas.

County Board Member Curtis Overton mentioned that progress has been made on the Veteran's Memorial to be placed outside the Courthouse.

- Area to be used.
- First ideas for the memorial can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-15-2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- It is hoped to have final plan in the next 30 days
- Different size of bricks/different cost.
- Possible handrails closer to the front of the Courthouse.
- No cost to the County

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

Minutes submitted 08/01/2024

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