

DATE: July 3, 2023

**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**(Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control,**  
**Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services, Animal Control)**  
**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:

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- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- ( ) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
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Guests... Tom Carter (Public Comment – Concerning Juvenile Detention Center/JDC), Justin Turnbough, Angela Turnbough, John Owens, and Heather Morse, (American Medical Response), Becky Salazar and Kristi Bussler (Franklin County Senior Services) and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:54 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 then asked for reports.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Federal Inmate Holding Revenue for June was \$33,060.00 which brings the year to date to \$356,580.00
- Federal Inmate Transport Revenue for June was 2,611.95 which brings the year to date to \$15,034.48
- County Board Chairman asked what the cost was to generate this income. Bacon assured the Chairman that if all Federal Inmates were gone, his staffing levels would not change.
- The complete report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-03-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Bacon explained to the board that the amount of income from Federal Prisoners is driven by space.
- He also explained the Federal Inmate Transport drivers are part time employees with no benefits.
- Bacon has also received a certificate of liability from the Benton Chamber of Commerce for a car show on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- June has been a slower month – 19 cases.
- The complete report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-03-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- Any update on Coroner Office Space? County Board Member Kevin Weston responded that he had went through the building and did have ideas on how to set up the office. Discussion followed.
- County Board Member Curtis Overton asked if an architect was needed for this project.
- He has added another Deputy Coroner. He feels like he has a good team at this time.
- Beginning July 1, 2023, cremation cost will go from \$50 to \$100.
- He has received \$3,365 through Death Certificate Surcharge.
- He asked for a transfer of a 2007 Chevrolet Van to be donated to Hill City Water District to be on the next county board meeting agenda.

Emergency Management Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Commented on the past weekend weather issues which made for many Nixle texts.
- Mentioned the aid provided to West Frankfort during a search
- Also commented on the technology that EMA uses and the importance of having it. EMA's drone was able to locate the child that was missing.

Joe Crygiel, representing AMR, submitted to the County Board Members a "Second Amendment to Emergency Medical Services Agreement". The complete agreement can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-03-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3 and will be on the July 17<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting Agenda.

Discussion followed concerning, if, the coverage provided with this plan would be for the good of the county. This will be decided during the following County Board Meeting.

Director Buckingham and Coroner Leffler both gave their endorsement to AMR for the past service they have provided, and Buckingham does feel better about this agreement.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Minutes submitted 7/13/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests...Amy Siliven (Public Comment – Displeasure with the new emails for county employees), Justin Turnbough, John Owens, and Heather Morse, (American Medical Response), Rick Linton (Rend Lake Area Tourism Council) and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:21 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 then asked for reports.

Coroner Marty Leffler gave his report...

- Had a floor plan that he and one of his Deputy Coroner's John Owens had laid out for the coroner's facility. The floor plan can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-17-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- He also asked that an area for an autopsy room to be framed in and plumbed in.
- Discussion was had concerning what size the cooler should be.
- Discussion was also had concerning the way to proceed on the remodeling of the section of the storage building that will be turned into the coroner's area.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller...

- There were no appointments to be made at this time at the following county board meeting.
- The second amendment to the emergency medical services agreement with AMR was also on the following county board meeting. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Minutes submitted 8/03/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee