

DATE: July 3, 2023

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

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

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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
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- ( ) Abigail Dinn
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- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- ( ) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- ( ) Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor
- ( ) LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
- ( ) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- (x) Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
- ( ) Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
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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 meeting was called to order at 5:42 PM by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County Highway Engineer Mike Rolla was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and give his report...

- Log Cabin Road is completed. ET Simond had set the job at \$970,000.00 and completed job appears to the same numbers. This is STR funded which means State pays 80% and the local match is %20.
- Tangier Road is not ready yet for letting.
- Oil and Chip program started last week and is ½ way (19,870 gallon) done already.
- Last week storms did get some trees and limbs down, but, has already been picked up and not much damage was had.
- Has talked to Gayla Prather about information for replacement on the County Engineer position.
- Remarked on the possible reimbursement funding for the aerial. The project is divided in cost between GIS, 911, and County Highway. Reimbursement should also be distributed to each department.
- During the 148/Yellow Banks Road project, a drainage problem (not in the State's plan) was discovered and is in an area covered by County Highway. This was completed by Samron under \$30,000. Billing for this should be coming soon.
- County Board Member Curtis Overton asked if the State is on schedule for the 148 project and he was told that it did seem to be on target.

Chairman Weston then gave his update ...

- He met Monday with Judge Morgan to discuss renovation needs for the Juvenile Detention Center.
- He met Wednesday with Architects for the Emergency Services Center addition. They presented schematic design for the offices and a preliminary floor plan. Attempting to make the building as efficient as possible.
- Waiting for HVAC equipment that is on order for the Justice System. Would also like to have the building painted on the inside and the outside. Carpets are threadbare.
- County Board Member Curtis Overton asked if the board members could get a copy of the floor plans for the Emergency Services Center and was told floor plans will be made available.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM

Minutes submitted 7/13/2023

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) 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 meeting was called to order at 5:25 PM by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County Highway Engineer Mike Rolla was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and give his report...

- Letting for the project on the Tangier Road will be held on August 3, 10:00 AM at County Highway.
- Explained that Dry Road was a township road and not a county road.
- Talked about the storm damage during the past week.
- Coal mines are in the process of repairing Macedonia Road.

Chairman Weston then gave his update ...

- Disappointed with current mowing at the Courthouse.
- Discussed landscaping at the Courthouse.
- Various members expressed their disappointment with the Courthouse lawn.
- He had been given a list of items the Juvenile Detention Center needed and was requesting it through ARPA. Discussion followed concerning the JDC. The list of items can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 7-17-2023 Transportation Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Is still in the process of getting bids for the painting of the Campbell Building and the renovation of the Justice Center.
- Opening for county engineer position was posted.
- Discussed ideas concerning areas needed for the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) floorplan.
- Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission needs the county to designate someone to act as the Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator (other counties have asked someone from their Health Department to take the role).

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM

Minutes submitted 8/3/2023

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