

June 3, 2024

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
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:

- Ray Minor – Chairman
- Angela Evans
- John Gossett - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- Curtis Overton
- David Bartoni
- Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

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- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- Matt Barnett, County Engineer
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- Abigail Dinn
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- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Judge Melissa Morgan
- Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- Monica Urban, Probation
- Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
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- Kevin Wilson, County Clerk Left the meetings at 5:50 PM

Guests (Public Comment)...Michael Blissenbach (Immigration and against helping with taxpayer money) Becky Gray Clay (Immigration – School issues), April Minor (Immigration – Public Health, especially children), Dwayne Williams (Trust Act), Dean Severin, Steve Vercellino, and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:21 by Board member Brad Wilson in the absence of Chairman Ray Miner. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present.

Treasurer Steve Vercellino was absent but had his report handed out to all county board members. The total report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-3-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Question was asked about the school's getting their fourth disbursement. It had been stated that the disbursements were to go out in the mail a few days after the last meeting, but schools have not yet received it. Wilson was going to try to get an answer on this matter.

Supervisor of Assessment Cindy Miklos...

- Brought a variance that she will ask to be on the June 17, 2024 Board meeting agenda. Reasons for the need of the variance were discussed. The main concern was structures that were already on the property. A copy of the information given to the board members concerning this variance can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-3-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2
- Has sent areas that need to be revised on the County Plat Act to State's Attorney Abby Dinn, but, at this time, has not received any answers.
- It was discussed that all variances should have specific wording as to why it is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35PM

Minutes submitted 06/13/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee

June 17, 2024

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Treasurer Steve Vercellino gave his report...

- Beginning balance for 6/17/2024 is \$8,896,625. ARPA balance is \$4,695,251.69.
- The total report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-17-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Vercellino then presented his annual Courthouse project report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-17-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- Discussion then followed concerning how and when to pay off the Courthouse.
- County Board Member Brad Wilson again asked Vercellino about when the final real estate tax distribution would be happening.
- This distribution is a smaller amount, but is still necessary to the school systems in planning their budget.
- Vercellino responded that it could possibly be ready later next week.
- It was discussed if the schools could charge us for being late?
- It was pointed out that Vercellino, at the last meeting, had also said the payments would be mailed soon.
- Chairman Miller mentioned it has been 30 days since that comment.
- The 2023 Audit seems to be going well.
- Miller asked about the changes in the budget lines that the treasurer is using to pay some of the Supervisor of Assessment's employees.
- Vercellino did comment that GSI cannot be used to pay vacation time. He also explained that adjustments should have been done on December 1, 2023 for the Supervisor of Assessment.
- Rhett Barke will be contacted by Vercellino to discuss the best way to make these corrections.
- Wilson commented that we seem to have more money now than we ever have had in the last several years. How is that explained? How do we go from 20 years ago borrowing from County Highway to meet bills to what the figures are showing now.
- It was also asked about the approximately time frame for the taxes to be mailed. It was discussed but was without an answer. It will probably be around the same as last year.
- Vercellino said the Treasurer doesn't have the real estate taxes at this time.
- It was mentioned that the final distribution, earlier discussed, has to happen before the next tax cycle can begin.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir...

- Presented a plan to help the Courthouse become a part of the lights on the square.
- He did offer some funding (at least ½ of the cost).
- He has also been talking with our attorney – Rhett Barke about putting a policy together for this process.

Supervisor of Assessment Cindy Miklos explained to the board that the Jeff Kirkpatrick item on the County Board Meeting agenda will be tabled.

Due to a change from Department of Labor, we have 2 salaries that will have to be changed due to the new "salary" requirements that go into effect on July 1, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 5:51PM

Minutes submitted 06/27/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee