

DATE: June 3, 2024

PUBLIC SAFETY
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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 (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
- Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- 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 5:44 by County Board Chairman J. Larry Miller in the absence of Chairman John Gossett. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Board Chairman Miller asked for any reports or information...

Coroner Marty Leffler ...

- He passed out his May report and it will be on the agenda to be accepted by the board on June 17th County Board Meeting.
- Building is 99.99% finished. The problem seems to be the phone service. The phone number is through ClearWave at this time, and it needs to be switched to Sparklight.
- He currently has 3 bodies in the facility.
- His secretary Bernadette "Bernie" Staten is still working in the office at the State's Attorney's offices.
- Marty is working out of the new facility
- Board Member John Gossett had asked him to have a new set of the 3 bids of the gutters for his building. There were size differences on part of the bids. The set of bids can on www.franklincountyil.gov as 06-03-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1. The bid will be awarded on the 06-17-2024 at the County Board Meeting.
- Marty said the contractor was working on the final bill and the contractor thinks it might be under the bid.
- He was asked if there would be a public notice after it's opened. Leffler does want to have a grand opening for the facility.
- He is proud of the new Coroner's office!!

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Gave his report which will also be accepted by the board on the 6-17-2024 County Board Agenda.
- First page was the financial information
- Revenues so far are right under \$200,000.00
- We are having an uptick in Federal inmate holdings and we are considering on increasing the daily rates. The amount hasn't been raised since 2017. Only opens so often to change the rates. We are currently trying to increase our rate by \$25 per day per prisoner. The increase in food and labor costs has allowed most jails in our area to renegotiate successfully.
- The report does show an increase in calls. Summer months and with Rend Lake hosting 1.6m visitors per year that does make a difference.
- We are in the 50th year of contracting with the Corp of Engineers to provide dedicated patrols during peak seasons. We have a very good relationship with them also.
- Wrote a letter of support for City of Benton to IDOT for a bike path (multi use path) for the Rend Lake area. The path could possibly include Petroff Road and Marcum Branch Road. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM

Minutes submitted 06/13 /2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee

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Chairman Gossett asked for any reports or information...

Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Williams ...

- Saturday, June 22th will be "Adoption Day" at animal control

EMA Supervisor Ryan Buckingham...

- Mentioned that his department works with Animal Control for that event.
- Also, the 911 Contract came in at \$3,251,000.00

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Will have appointments to make on the following evening agenda.
- It is also on the agenda to award the business that will put the gutters on the Coroner's Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM

Minutes submitted 06/27/2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee