

June 5, 2023

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
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) Ray Minor – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- () Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- (x) Curtis Overton
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- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- () Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor
- () LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- (x) Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
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Guests... Tom Carter, Dwayne Williams, Justin Turnbough and Joe Grygiel (American Medical Response) and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

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

Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Beginning balance as of 6/5/2023 is \$8,224,434. ARPA balance is \$4,918,212.67, cashflow without ARPA is \$3,306,221.39.
- Vercellino explained his report, which includes the claims docket, the cash flow statement, ARPA Fund Summary, and a list which includes Courthouse construction claims. The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-5-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- He has reached an agreement with 3 banks regarding interest on our accounts. Interest should be reflected on the next statements.
- Real Estate Tax cycle could put Tax bills being mailed the later part of July.
- Month of May should be completed later this month.
- Opened the discussion of a larger payment on the Courthouse. Quarterly payment will be due in June. Would we want to pay extra on the payment? Board Member John Gossett asked about the amount of money that is in the 1% interest fund. Currently the amount is \$5 million plus. Vercellino requested the board to let him know their decision on this payment.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir spoke to the board...

- About the completion of his FY2022 Audit. He has not received copies of the audit yet, but he has been told it was again a good audit. He thanked his staff and especially his bookkeeper Cathy Dial for their work.
- He also talked about the shredding that will happen on June 9th. All department heads have been informed of the date and place. There are over 220 boxes to be shredded.
- He has done research on documents that will still need to be shredded. Talked to a company in Minnesota. There are 444 banker boxes of probate files dated from 1881-1966 – hundreds in each box. Franklin County also has more op's than most counties of the state for a total - 1.2 million pages. He was shocked at the estimated cost to shred all these documents - \$600,097.00 and had already decided NOT to ask the board for ARPA money for this project. County does have better ideas on the ARPA money.
- Still waiting from State Archives to determine how to handle 55 – 4 drawer filing cabinets which are crammed full of pre 1875 documents. No indexes on what is in the cabinets and even if there was, the files have been folded and to try to look at these, pages start to crumble and writing on the files have faded. State Archives are still in touch and have taken a few of the drawers as examples of these files. Muir is waiting for a decision from them for the next step.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon mentioned an item that would be on the next County Board Agenda.

- He and State's Attorney Abby Dinn have discussed more ways to properly use the money that is coming to the county from the class action pharmaceutical suits. Dinn also reminded the board that money is still coming in as more suits are resolved.
- This money does have strict requirements on the use of this money.
- They would like to see contributions to 3 different areas... Take Action Today (TAT), - \$25,000, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) - \$10,000, and City of Benton Police Department Electronic Crimes Investigation Unit - \$4,345.00.
- Board Member Angela Evans asked if education (help with GED's) is included in the TAT contribution and was assured that education is part of that program.
- Discussion followed with questions about the possibility of future available grants, and other future funding for TAT. Sheriff Bacon explained that the TAT program is involved in securing available monies. He also explained that the money he is requesting is from a class action suit against large pharmaceuticals concerning opioid addiction, in which the county was involved. The use of monies received from that suit have strict guidelines.

- Bacon also told the board that Richard (Flip) Minton would soon be retiring. Board Member Curtis Overturn asked about the replacement of him. Bacon responded firmly that FLIP could never be replaced. The position would be used to hire another patrolman. Minton's IT work he did for the Sheriff's Office will be covered by NovaCom, and the City of Benton Police Department contribution will help with investigations that Minton had also done.
- Bacon also explained the request from the Sheriff's office concerning Fund 65 Sheriff County Forfeiture Account. The Sheriff's department is being charged approximately \$100 per month bank fees for this account. They want the account changed to a bank that would not charge fees for that account. The Sheriff's department would also like to have control of that account.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM

Minutes submitted 6/16/2023

Ray Minor - Finance Committee

June 20, 2023

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Guests... Liam Mungovan, Wade Lemons, Jodi Slaton, and Geno Leber (Public Comment /Veterans in support of Veterans Assistance Commission), Justin Turnbough and Joe Grygiel, (American Medical Response), Mike McKinney, (Landscaping), Mariah Hayes, (CASA), and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

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

Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Beginning balance as of 6/20/2023 is \$7,963,242. ARPA balance is \$4,925,967.44, cashflow without ARPA is \$3,037,274.38.
- Vercellino explained his report, which includes the claims docket, the cash flow statement, ARPA Fund Summary, and a list which includes Courthouse construction claims. The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-20-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Motor Home Tax Bills could possible be in the mail this week.
- Mentioned items 8, 9, and 10 on the County Board agenda, could be tabled. He has already moved the Fund 65 Sheriff County Forfeiture Account to a different bank, with no service charges and also receives interest.
- The history of the Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) was again discussed. At one time it was able to financially support itself. The negative balance that the account carries now, is a carry-over from many past years. It became that way when the state was not reimbursing personnel to the expected level. Also, a grant to support a group that managed the meth program was lowered until Franklin County was no longer able to support the program on its' own. Board Member John Gossett then explained how the funding for the JDC was acquired, and what it would take for the building to be used for other purposes.

Supervisor of Assessments Cindy Miklos then spoke to the board about an item on the following county board agenda concerning a flyover by Eagleview Aerials for Spring 2024. She mentioned that in the past, County highway/911/GIS each paid part of the amount. If passed, she will budget her part of the amount on next year's budget.

She then asked about the board's opinion on allowing a private business free access to the aerial program to upload to their own computer. Board advised to continue charging as she does others accessing the information.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon then went over the contributions of the OPIOID Abatement Funds as listed on the following county board agenda. Each of those to receive the contributions meet with the Governor's Office requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM

Minutes submitted 6/29/2023

Ray Minor - Finance Committee