

DATE: June 5, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY
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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) John Gossett – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- () Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (X) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
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- () Judge Melissa Morgan
- () Monica Urban, Probation
- (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 Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County Sheriff Kyle Bacon gave his Monthly Sheriff's Report which will be accepted on June 20th at the Franklin County Board Meeting.

Coroner Marty Leffler then gave his report for May, 2023.

- He spoke about the autopsies required and where the autopsies happen.
- He also mentioned that thanks to the new coroner's van, he saved the county \$2500.00 this month
- This report will also be accepted on June 20th at the Franklin County Board Meeting.
- He explained an upcoming change, by the state, concerning the cost of cremation.
- He again asked about any movement happening for the Coroner's office.
- Leffler then let the board know that his daughter Delaney Leffler, a senior at Benton High School received a scholarship through Illinois Association of County Officials.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham

- Updated the board on his part of the Central Dispatch project
- Work is happening on an operating budget for the stakeholders.
- He then introduced the gentlemen from our current ambulance service...
Joe Crygiel spoke to the board about the 90 day amendment to the County and AMR contract. He is asking for the amended contract become the regular contract. Discussion was had concerning the coverage of that plan to be good for the county.
- This will be on the June 20th Franklin County Board Meeting for the Board's decision.
- Buckingham could not support that change as a good move for the county.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller mentioned an appointment needed for Bi-County and asked the board for a volunteer.

Chairman Gossett ask Gayla Prather to talk about the Safety Committee and a request for the upcoming "EMPLOYEE DAY" for the county employees...

- Safety Committee consists of representatives from each department.
- Funding used by the committee is through a yearly rebate from our worker's compensation program.
- For several years, a day had been set aside as Employee Day and covered safety areas and benefit areas.
- This has included representatives available from IMRF, IPRF, Health Insurance, Delta Dental, AirEvav, etc
- Safety Demonstrations included ResQueMe demonstration, County Sheriff's Office's drug canine, Hidden in Plain Sight, Drunk Driving with golf carts
- We also wanted the employees and the board to know what we had provided for the various departments. Items purchased such as...Drones, radios, diving equipment, coroner's equipment, many new chairs (ergonomics was important to our safety program) for several department, ResQueMe's for all employees, sonar equipment for recovery boat, plexiglass for several departments during COVID, mats for walkways, body armor, AED's Grab and Go Kits, Stop the Bleed Kits, Rain Jacket, and much more.
- We have always set aside money for each employee to have a T-shirt promoting different areas of safety. Anytime it is worn to work, it is a silent reminder of safety in the work place. This year, the group would like to include "In memory of Connie Flowers" on our shirts.
- Covid did stop us for a few years but at the last meeting, the safety group wanted to re-start this program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Minutes submitted 6/16/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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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 Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:56 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller...

- Mentioned an appointment (2) needed for Bi-County Health during the following Board Meeting. He will be requesting re-appointing Dennon Davis and appointing Angela Evans for the other position.
- He also mentioned the current talk with FOP, Sheriff's Department and the County had gone well for the first meeting.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham spoke to the board concerning item 11 on the following Board Meeting Agenda concerning the county's contract with AMR Ambulance Service. Although it is his opinion that AMR has been a good ambulance service for the county, he is against accepting their request for a revised contract for the county. The revised contract will lower the amount of vehicles in place, to provide coverage for Franklin County residents. His complete comments can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-20-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Joe Crygiel, representing AMR, submitted to the County Board Members the past statistics and the proposed coverage that would still be in place with the revised proposed contract. There had been a 90-day trial of the proposed contract which changed the amount of 3 ambulances provided to 2 ambulances. He felt that coverage had still been extremely good for the county, and still allowed AMR to provide good salaries and secure positions to their employees. He is now asking for the amended contract become the regular contract. The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 6-20-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Minutes submitted 6/29/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee