

DATE: June 5, 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
- ( ) Neil Hargis
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
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- (x) Ray Minor
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- ( ) Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor
- ( ) LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- (x) Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
- ( ) Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests... Tom Carter, Dwayne Williams, Justin Turnbough and Joe Grygiel (American Medical Response) and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:39 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...

- Kearney Road Bridge job was finished last Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Still are experiencing subsidence, but at this time, the bridge structures are still in good shape. Rolla still monitors and reports to IDOT concerning the subsidence.
- Log Cabin Road is currently in process. Asphalt should be done this week. It will be a couple of weeks before rock will be available for the shoulder to be finished. Did have an accident today...the last truck had a tire to blow, which flipped the truck over. No one was hurt.
- Macedonia Road is currently doing fine, but is in the process of a 100 year flood plain that will address structures, weights, etc...and this is all through IDOT.
- Tangier Road, has plans almost complete but not ready for letting.
- Rumble strips have been ordered and are being shipped today. These are hard plastic, no standards for the strips, not sure of life span. County Highway has to be cautious when cleaning off snow.
- Yellow Banks Road is closed at State Highway 148 to Rentfro Road intersection and will be closed until the end of July. Drainage areas on west side of Yellow Banks is one of the major problems. Samron Construction is doing this project.
- HLR is a consulting company and he has been offered a job. Rolla is accepting the offer. He will be leaving his position with Franklin County sometime later this fall. He will also have to have conversations with IDOT before he terminates this position. He then explained how IDOT is also part of the hiring process and some of the requirements for a replacement.

Chairman Kevin Weston told Rolla that he wishes him well. That he has been a great asset for the county and doesn't want to see him leave.

Board Member John Gossett asked Rolla to provide list of the requirements to the County Board Office. Discussion followed on the replacement process.

Chairman Weston then gave his update ...

- There was a discussion between he and Rolla concerning trucks the County Highway was needing. Rolla stated that he did have money in his budget, if the county wanted to consider ARPA money for the trucks, it was fine with him, but he also knew the county had several needs for the ARPA money.
- He mentioned the kick-off meeting for addition to the Sheriff's building. Conversation with the architects included basic floor plans, spaces needed for common areas/secured areas. Next meeting is scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Eventually they will present to the board.
- He is looking at the possibility of Monitors for the Assembly Room.
- Is still gathering ideas for the landscaping around the Courthouse. Would like to have that put back on the next agenda.
- HVAC projects for various buildings are proceeding. Some are on order and one has been installed at County Highway.
- Discussed our elevator inspection for the Courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

Minutes submitted 6/16/2023

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) 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 meeting was called to order at 5:35 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...

- Kearney Road Bridge job was completed.
- Log Cabin Road has been asphalted. E.T. Simond's will be finishing with the rocks to be put on the shoulders this week. Striping should also be finished by the end of this week.
- Macedonia Road is currently doing fine, but is in the process of a 100-year flood plain that will address structures, weights, etc...and this is all through IDOT. Does not seem to be a problem.
- Tangier Road, has plans designed and checked. Letting should be scheduled soon. This road has been closed since early spring.
- County's Oil & Chip program will start this week.
- He also supported the proposed aerial that Supervisor Miklos had mentioned.
- It was then discussed about the importance of the flyovers. Any changes found are, then, submitted to the appropriate tax assessor. The use of the aerial is very important to the county in order to keep the tax rolls up to date. This process was discussed from different angles.
- Rolla then mentioned, that in 2005, an independent assessor was hired to get the tax rolls up to date.

Chairman Weston then gave his update ...

- Is still gathering ideas for the landscaping around the Courthouse. He mentioned that it had, again, been placed on the following County Board Agenda for discussion. Lots of ideas...turf, landscape, sod, irrigation system, to consider.
- He had asked Mike McKinney to speak to the committee about some ideas. He also, explained different ideas. He also offered to send Weston some samples to share with the board.
- Judge Morgan and Weston had discussed areas that needed work at the JDC.
- Still needing to get the Campbell Building in better shape, inside and outside.
- Will be meeting again with architects for Central Dispatch.
- Panic Buttons are being installed in several departments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM

Minutes submitted 6/29/2023

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