

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Mar 17, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Neil Hargis. This meeting was held in the Franklin County Courthouse, County Board Room 133, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Kevin Wilson, called the roll. Members in attendance were Neil Hargis, Dave Bartoni, Angela Evans, John Gossett, J. Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson.

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager; Kyle Bacon, County Sheriff; Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency - by phone; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Curtis Overton lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Neil Hargis asked if there is anyone who wants to make public comments?

Tim Arview: Yeah, Mayor Tim Arview, West Frankfort. I'm here actually on behalf of one of our residents, but really multiple residents. This is Phil who recently had, his daughter was involved in a situation with an animal, a dog bite. And it's not the only time that things like this have happened and we've actually had some difficulty getting animal control, getting the situation handled. I have with me, I mean this is the bill, this is our regular, we pay for the animal control services for \$1,622.76. I mean, you all know me, I'm not the type of person to just try to cause trouble or anything like that, but when we have multiple

citizens, multiple people bringing these issues up, calling my office, calling our codes officer, what do we do about it? How can we handle this in our ordinance to say that Franklin County Animal Control is our animal control so we cannot do it ourselves. And they don't really take that as an answer necessarily and I understand that. But that's how it is. So really, I'm just kind of here to support him and he can come up and kind of give you a little bit of detail on the situation, but we're just looking for some resolution on this to be able to, whether it's a communication miscommunication or something like that to be able to make this a little more efficient. So I'll go ahead mayor real quick. Yes, sure.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Before he comes up, you said you had multiple calls

Tim Arview: Two girls. Yeah.

Chairman Neil Hargis: What's the issues there?

Chairman Neil Hargis: Is it just they are not responding and controls not responding or they're not either showing up.

Tim Arview: Can't get an answer on the phone and even our office has tried and not gotten an answer or they'll say they're going to do something and then not do it. And like I said, I mean I'm not here to try to cause trouble or anything like that. We just want to get it resolved. If the resolution is that we need to do our own thing, then we can look at that. But I would rather try to come to you and try to resolve this as best we can before I come to something like that.

Angela Evans: Are they talking to Bobby personally or are they talking to a different person in their office directly to Bobby?

Tim Arview: Bobby, yes.

Angela Evans: Okay.

Tim Arview: Yeah, I'm not sure of that because like I said, when they call me many times, they're not even getting an answer. Yes. You say you got this bill is for one month is \$1,622.76 so that Yeah. Yeah. And I know other municipalities are paying that too and I'm not sure if they're the same kind of issues, but I guess any other question for me?

Phil Pulliam: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I do apologize. I'm not a speaker so I'm a bit nervous myself up here. And if I get a little loud, I am deaf one ear and I'll get good feedback all myself. So I'll get a little loud. I'm audio, I don't want you to take personal. I do get loud sometimes. My problem at issue on Sunday, March 2nd, my daughter was bitten by a dog from West Frankfort and luckily it did just get her on the rear end. And I do have pictures on my phone but I respect turned my phone off and the meeting. But I hopefully that this, if you might want to see this, they go to the actual hospital and from the doctor, few different visits and I hope that will work as proof that yesterday if you already want to see the picture, I can fire up the phone and we can look at it.

The March 2nd, she was being, that was on a Sunday and the police came March 4th and it was handed over to Animal Control on March 3rd. I don't know if they came that night. My daughter was at a friend's house that night. So, I was not there personally to witness it. But there was other witnesses. There's a Paley ballot in Rose Street and I did witness about fire upon Bobby's investigation. She originally, the dog owner said the dog had been inoculated and had receptor shots put been back county check on that. That was not true. So, the dog was, we don't know the condition of it at that point. Right.

Let me catch up to my notes here. March 4th, from what I understand by county told her to pick up the dog but she refused to do and Diane, on that Thursday I went and I went up there and I talked to

Bobby and the first thing she told me is West Frankfort. So, I asked her why the police department does not help her out with West Frankfort and she informed me that they never help and they do not help. And that said, man, that's a violation of law. You called the West Frankfort police department by law they must help you and you're the drug performance. Like I said I'm nervous.

And then really every time I talked to her there's been a different story and a different story and a different story. Now I got a daughter at this point who's been dog it after four days. I do you have a statute if you would like to read the statute of Illinois. Anybody like to read these? Okay, let's so on March 13 you did find receive a calls of by county, but we never had a true update on the dog. We finally did get an update on Dr. Bi County last Thursday, which was 11 days after the dog bite. Now you had 10 days to start rabies shots if that dog had been affected, the dog was picked up briefly, but it's never lived by a veterinarian from the county. From what my understanding, you should be contracted with the veterinarian for command patrol. But I don't know if that's true or not. That's my understanding. But they were allowed to 14 or not at their own house even though it was not up today and they not get lied to. I'm supposed to take the word of the dog owner that 11 days later this dog was checked out. And I just have one question for you and you don't have to answer it, but this had been your child, this had been your grandchild, that family member. Would this have been acceptable to you?

Any of this? And I don't think that the public should Public service. I've always felt obey. Obey. There was no transparency in any of this. And I've been vindicated by communications with this because every time it was a different answer. Every time I told her it was a different answer and it point, I would like to address something else. Originally, she thought that I lived at the house that this happened at and the woman who reported it, she thought that was my wife, the present and other

concern I have is retaliation because instead of picking up the dog, quarantining it, have a check by that you knew it was notated. Instead she wanted to see the papers. What she thought were my dogs. She wanted see and if I explained to her like them dogs did bite by my child and she's not my wife, they are not my dogs. I don't know how you said all that. To me that's just pure retaliation to get people shut up. And I Readily said, should be addressed with this.

Chairman Neil Hargis: So let me ask this question.

Chairman Neil Hargis: You said that there were several times she gave you different answers.

Phil Pulliam: Yes.

Chairman Neil Hargis: So, can you go into that a little bit?

Phil Pulliam: Well, for one I will say that she, because that did put us the bottom of it because she told me that the West Frankfort police department would help. Well of course I went to police department, I don't know. And she talked to Phil Phillips and he said this is the first I've heard of it. Now that was four days later. Another thing is apparent. She said she went to a case attorney with a video from the dog owner that I, I'm not an investigator guys, but I don't see anybody going incriminate themselves for house. We wasn't their house, it was at the neighbor's house. Well obviously, out the street am not going to show the dog fight. They told by bi county also. But I didn't, can't recall the

Chairman Neil Hargis So, you said on March the fourth bi county told animal control to pick up?

Phil Pulliam: That was my understanding. I cannot not prefer that. But that was my understanding that the county and the dog got picked up.

Chairman Neil Hargis: When, do you know?

Phil Pulliam: Yes, that Thursday the dog was picked up briefly and then turned on her. And my problem is why is she more worried about protecting the dog owner and not the victim of this? So, like I said, we're talking 11 days later.

Chairman Neil Hargis: So, March 13th then the dog got picked up?

Phil Pulliam: No, no sir.

Chairman Neil Hargis: The dog bite?

Phil Pulliam: No, not the dog bite. When the dog got picked up that bit on the second on March 4th bi county told, picked the dog up

Phil Pulliam: This, that was a Sunday, the Monday piece stay. And that Thursday she briefly picked that dog. After he turned it there was not more evaluation.

Chairman Neil Hargis: So, Got March the third was or March 2nd was a Sunday. And then the dog got picked up on March the sixth.

Phil Pulliam: If you recall that dog. How they West County actually checking the records. Okay. Not

Chairman Neil Hargis: And who tested the dog? We have no clue.

Phil Pulliam: We have, there's been no transparency at all.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Who told you the dog was tested by bi county?

Phil Pulliam: Bi county.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Bi county told you?

Phil Pulliam: Yes.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Okay.

Dave Bartoni: Sir did bi county tell you they told Animal Control pick the dog up?

Phil Pulliam: From my understanding, I'm not really sure how to have that information. It's been so I said you guys were two weeks out from the and things this happened two weeks ago and it's hard to remember.

Dave Bartoni: I just want to know who we can talk to that said they said that, you know?

Phil Pulliam: Yeah, and I understand that.

Dave Bartoni: So, you don't remember where you got that information? No, I don't remember where I got that information.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Do you know who you talked to at by county by chance?

Phil Pulliam: I do know the first name is Blake. And I even request to him this dog you picked up and he said by law we have to pick it up. And I don't see where in the law that says that unless the dog had been inoculated and yes it can be Ed at home, but the truth of matter had been trouble.

I had a licensed bed for that whole 10 days and that was not them. And like I said, and I asked you about this is your child or grandchild that had been sent to you, you find out 11 days later past the time you could start shots for rabies and people who died from rabies. That is a horrible, horrible death. It is not pleasant. Not only anybody who wants to stay around and watch their child die because we have animal control who wants to play a role for in people's lives because there's nobody

yet that could respect me. How this is not child nature because she directly fit the life of my child in nature for not doing her job. Any other questions? I'm sorry. I'm nervous. That's alright.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Was the animal running loose? Is that what the deal?

Phil Pulliam: The animal was just awful suspicious. The house that it came from, the whole house is this side of the fence. So, the only way that dog could have had out was if the owner let it out. And I do know that the owner and the lady who my child was staying with that time thing with her daughter, they've had issues in the past. I don't have no freedom. I highly question how that dog got out.

J. Larry Miller: So did the neighbors, have they called animal patrol?

Phil Pulliam: Yes. They originally called animal control before this incident.

Phil Pulliam: No. Well, this is, they called animal control because when it happened, they called animal control and they called me.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Had they ever had call animal control before that point before your daughter had gotten?

Phil Pulliam: Not that I'm aware of. I do know animal control has been called the not before. And they had to tranquilize the dog before because it is wrestling.

J. Larry Miller: Sir, you've been very kind. I appreciate it.

J. Larry Miller: If it was my child, would probably a dead dog already.

Phil Pulliam: Well, my yard, the living dead.

J. Larry Miller: You didn't hear that, did you? Sheriff, you got a right to protect. Not anyone else.

Chairman Neil Hargis: And also, else I would like to know, mayor, if you can get about a number round a number of times you've been contacted, the animal controls not responding or not picking up the calls. If you could get that and maybe get that to the chairman. So we would know.

Chairman Neil Hargis: That because I wasn't aware that was happening.

Phil Pulliam: I all this has been turned into the city and they have it on file. So, I believe he had the picture of my daughter and the, I think. Yeah. Yeah. You documented this said to me, it is unacceptable. No child must wait or no parents would have to wait and wait and then after the time you can get your child off. But it's too late. It's too late. I don't think. I must ask for things to be done properly in a proper manner.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Well, I think if you're paying for a service that's about 19,000, a little over \$19,000 a year, you should receive service.

Phil Pulliam: Yeah, absolutely. And instead of getting a lawyer and I don't want to go that route. I'd rather resolve this with you guys. And I would like to state that the City of West Frankfort and the mayor have been very helpful and I do appreciate the time and everything towards us and I'm glad that we had the mayor who cares about citizens. I really appreciate that, Tim.

Angela Evans: Well, I'm thankful that your daughter is okay.

Phil Pulliam: Yes. But as you see, she was taken to the hospital. She was put on medicines and we did that properly. You do want to see a picture? I can turn on my dinosaur. I can show what was happening. Now she did go up and tell the state attorney and apparently, she had some kind of spot. The state attorney. The state attorney decided that from her that this go back to the owner. I know how the state's attorney decided that she was just hearing a part of the story because to me it makes no sense.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Did Bobby tell you? The state's attorney said that?

Phil Pulliam: Yes.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Bobby told you that herself that the state's attorney approved it?

Phil Pulliam: Yes.

Phil Pulliam: And I'll say this, my daughter is in high school. She's a freshman this year. Not the one that got bit. I'm missing her first game this year to come up and talk you guys. I know how urgent this how the matter is, and I don't want this because I know having for a dog had rabies and transmit human, but this point we spending a lottery. Lottery at some point. This one bite you one bite your heart. And that's pretty actually get do guidelines and follow law. That should be followed. There's no parents that long talk about not sleeping the whole nine yards. To me it's innocent questions. I'm sorry. I was nervous.

Chairman Neal Hargis: Read Angela, since you're directly over the animal kit, can you look into?

Phil Pulliam: Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot. This is the after summary from her regular doctor just had a back. Just know there's no mistake. It did in fact happened. And guys, I just want the right thing in

the end. And that's, we should expect done in situations, especially when we're doing people's lives and in there, if my daughter 12 years old that didn't afford a 5-year-old kid and it's a German Shepherd person, I dog bite him at face the neck. Right? Yeah. And knowing that this dog has been in the past that I'd rather go this route with you guys if this solved another problem.

Brad Wilson: Well, we appreciate you coming out because we don't know problems like that from innocent people like you.

Angela Evans: But you can get as status as you can. Mr. Mayor.

Phil Pulliam: Excuse me.

Angela Evans: I was asking Mr. Mayor to get.

Phil Pulliam: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, you're getting the chairman.

Chairman Neil Hargis: I'm over here off.

Angela Evans: Oh, you're good. No, it's okay.

Phil Pulliam: Bye guys. Right. I appreciate it.

All: Thank you.

Phil Pulliam: Thank you, guys.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that I do need to note a correction before we approve the February 18th, 2025 Regular County Board Meeting Minutes. The minutes that we're talking about need this correction, the appointment of Stephanie Sasade to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board needs to be removed from these minutes, so I'm seeking an approval with those, with that amendment added.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the February 18th Regular County Board Meeting minutes with the amendment as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Ray Minor made a motion to pay the claims on file. Angela Evans second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**EMPLOYMENT OF COUNTY
BOARD OFFICE MANAGER**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the first item on the agenda is the Employment of County Board Office Manager and he would like to recommend Amanda Kink for employment of our County Board Office Manager.

Curtis Overton made a motion to that we employ Amanda Kink for county board office manager position.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Motion by Overton.

John Gossett: A second. I'll second that.

Brad Wilson: What was the start date on that?

Chairman Neil Hargis: We talked about March 31st. Two weeks from today.

J. Larry Miller: Do we need have the amount? To have that in the motion?

Chairman Neil Hargis: We can. We don't have the contract yet. Yet from Rhett, but Okay.

Curtis Overton: I can amend my motion to include that if you want.

Chairman Neil Hargis: The amount would be \$36,400.

Curtis Overton: I'm amending my motion to include the amount of \$36,400 a year.

John Gossett: I'll second the motion.

On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ELECTRICAL ENERGY
DECISION - LENGTH &
PROVIDER - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Electrical Energy length and provider and presented electric supply pricing proposal. Do we have a recommendation?

John Gossett: Mr. Chairman? I make a motion. Are you ready?

Chairman Neil Hargis: Yes.

John Gossett made a motion recommending Direct Energy for 12 months at .08697 per kilowatt. Ray Minor second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said proposal is made a part of these minutes.

**CHANGE ELEVATOR
ACCESS CONTROL FOR 4
JUDGES - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to change an elevator for Judges Elevator Access Control, Otis Service and Repair Order is \$302.00 per hour and Fager-McGee Commercial Construction estimate is \$29,108.00. Both to be paid by the 1%. Do I have a motion for that to be approved?

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the elevator access as presented. Ray Minor second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said elevator change information is made a part of these minutes.

**NOVACOM - COURTHOUSE
LOCKDOWN SYSTEM -
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval for NovaCom to install a Courthouse Lockdown System on West Main door and at the cost of \$1,899.49, this can be paid again from the 1%. Do I have a motion for that?

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the Lockdown System as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Kevin Weston stated, Yeah, it is securing the courthouse to, the way it works is there's no way if we want to lock down this courthouse that our security team can lock it down without getting keys out and locking the door so they can just hit a button at the front desk and shut everything down. That way if we have an issue, if somebody's running up to the courthouse or somebody's trying to get out, we've got it locked down.

Said lockdown system information is made a part of these minutes.

**RICHARD GILES
SERVICE - CLEAN
COURTHOUSE WINDOWS -
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve Richard Gile's service to clean courthouse windows inside and out, that cost us \$3,400. Do we have a motion for that?

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve Richard Gile Service to clean the courthouse windows as presented. Angels Evans second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Richard's Gile's service invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**CAMPBELL BUILDING
ROOF - CUSTOM
RENOVATIONS -
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve the estimate from Custom Renovations by Robert Withrow from Christopher to fix the problems on the Campbell building roof for a price of \$13,800 to be paid out of the 1%. Have a motion for that.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the repairs for the Campbell building as presented. Dave Bartoni second the motion.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Do we have any questions?

J. Larry Miller: I have a comment that this 1% thing, I think we're pushing the limit there, but that's, we're fixing a problem that was not created by construction of this or whatever. I may be splitting hairs. Okay. But I mean at some point we're going to stop it.

Brad Wilson: Yeah. I do agree that it has to be fixed and I'll vote for this, but at some point, we got to stop saying everything. We got to wrap it up at some point.

Kevin Weston: I also was about the 1% had some issues. However, we did add the elevator extension on and that, so I can see how the roof might have had some issues there. But the roof's been a problem for a long time and we just need to get fixed. But if we've got the 1% when we did the addition of the Campbell building, we're paying a bond on it when redid all the renovations. So, if we can include this and get it up to snuff, I think it's well worth.

John Gossett: Another suggestion, Mr. Wilson. We've got the money now to pay that building off. Let's pay it off and then we'll stop 1%. What do you think? I think that will cover it all. We have got 8 million in our savings now. Let's pay that off and also stop using 1%.

Brad Wilson: Yeah, we got to, I think, Rhett and Neil said we got to wait until October and then we, those they recommended.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Yeah. They recommend.

Brad Wilson: But yeah, as soon as we could buy it off with it's October, I say Yeah. But I know we've talked about painting the building. I'm not for using 1% money to paint that building that wasn't created because we built a courthouse. That's just a want that we have. So, we're going to have to use some of that ARPA (American Rescue

Plan Act) money if that's what we're going to do. Yeah.' I'm good with this.

On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said estimate from Custom Renovations for the Campbell building roof repairs is made a part of the minutes.

**IL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT &
COMMUNICATIONS
ORDINANCE**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve is the Franklin County Emergency Management and Communications Ordinance. Do I have a motion to accept that?

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the Franklin County Emergency Management and Communications Ordinance as presented. Kevin Weston second the motion.

Chairman Neil Hargis: Any questions?

Curtis Overton: I just have a concern. I don't really have a question. I have a concern. I found out before the meeting, and I know Ryan let us all know that he had attempted to send an email containing this new policy earlier, and I'm sure he did the best he could on that, but I would like to have had more time to look at it. And also, we haven't had an attorney review it, so just keep that in mind when you're voting. That's just a comment.

Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency: So, can I address that real quick? Completely understandable. I think I sent an email to everybody to let you know that the group I have set up goes to your county, email address. So that was a problem. But I had sent the ordinance prior to that twice. So, I thought that everybody was in and I had been talking. I think some people had got it and some people hadn't. So that's on me and I apologize for that. I did send this to the state's attorney for a review on January the 31st, so it was sent to her office review. I didn't get

any feedback on that, but that's when it did go to the state's attorney's office. So I tried to do my due diligence as much as possible with it. And as far as, I think someone asked me if it went to Rhett. There is some confusion I think amongst, maybe I'm the only one, but as a department head confusion when you use Rhett and when you use the state's attorney's office. So, I've been talking to Rhett about personnel issues with this whole consolidation and transfer of employees and that's went really well. But I did not run this past Rhett. I ran it past the state's attorney's office, so I didn't get feedback from them.

Curtis Overton: So, I was wrong. An attorney has looked at it, we just haven't consulted with that attorney.

Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency: Well, I would like to hope it got reviewed, but I really, and that's a follow up problem on my end too. I probably should have called Abby's office and said, hey, did you get a chance to see this? But I sent her an email and said, you would please take a look at this and provided me feedback that you might have. So I will give you some comfort in that. There are some changes in there, but it did go under a legal review in 2012. And a majority of that ordinance is still the same. So, on most of the stuff on disaster management and stuff like that, there's not that any change to that. But I completely understand your feedback and that's my explanation to it.

On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance no. 2025-01.

**PROCLAIM APRIL 2025
- PREVENT CHILD
ABUSE PREVENTION
MONTH**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve a proclamation for the Sheriff: On March 17th, 2025. Franklin County Board of Franklin County does hereby proclaim April, 2025 to be announced as Franklin County Prevent Child Abuse Prevention Month and to encourage all citizens to respond to the call of "How will you help?" by supporting the child abuse prevention programs and reporting suspected cases of abuse to the Illinois Child Abuse Hotline at (800) 25-ABUSE. Do we have a motion to accept that?

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said proclamation is made a part of these minutes.

**CONTRACT WITH SAMRON
MIDWEST CONTRACTING
- APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve the Local Public Agency Format Contract for Section 24-00195-00-RS in the amount of \$337,974.86 with Samron Midwest Contracting. Do I have a motion to approve?

John Gossett made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Brad Wilson second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes.

**CONTRACT BOND FOR
SAMRON MIDWEST
CONTRACTING**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve the Contract Bond for Section 24-00195-00-RS in the amount of \$337,974.86 with Samron Midwest Contracting. Do I have a motion to approve?

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the contract bond as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract bond is made a part of these minutes.

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY
ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT FOR
CONSTRUCTION
ENGINEERING WITH
HUTCHISON
ENGINEERING**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve the resolution for Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement for Construction Engineering for Section 24-00195-00-RS with Hutchison Engineering. Do I have a motion to approve?

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Kevin Weston second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-26.

**VIOLATION OF PLAT
ACT ON CHARLES
HAYDEN - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is to approve of violation of Plat Act on Charles Payton. He'll need a variance to deed one acre to the daughter. This will be less than the two. Less than required two acres. Sorry. It will require a survey with a variance.

Brad Wilson made of motion to approve the violation of Plat Act as presented. Dave Bartoni second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Brad Wilson: Quick question. I know that you two had talked to the state's attorney over, you had sent that over, can you check on that?

Tami Price: We have contacted her.

**CROSSWALK COMMUNITY
ACTION AGENCY - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board as stated earlier in these minutes there was an error in last months minutes. The appointment of Stephanie Sasade to the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board needs to be removed and he read a letter from Crosswalk Community Action Agency and would like to recommend Christy Powers for another two year term ending December 31, 2026.

Kevin Weston made a motion to reappoint Christy Powers on the Crosswalk Community Action Agency Board. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE
SYSTEM - 911 - 3
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda are three appointments to the Emergency Telephone System - 911 System, he recommends reappointing Dave Bartoni and Amy Spotanski-Tipton. And he read the resignation letter from John Prudent and requesting Clint Willis will replace him. All appointments are for three year terms ending March 20, 2028.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the appointments as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Dave Bartoni abstained.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority and he read a resignation letter from Martin Basolo. I'm recommending Charles Mercer to fill this unexpired term ending June 18, 2026. Do I have a motion for that?

Curtis Overton made the motion to approve Charles Mercer of Franklin County Housing Authority. Ray Minor second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**MINER'S CEMETERY OF
ROYALTON - 7
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda are the seven appointments to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Cemetery Association Board and he read a letter requesting David Guill, Ben Kalert, Kevin Nix, Bill Smillie, Lisa Staggs, Sheila Stubblefield and Diane Walker be reappointed for another six year term ending March 1, 2031.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve all seven members be reappointed to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Cemetery Association Board as presented. Kevin Weston second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**REND LAKE AREA
TOURISM COUNCIL - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council and he informed the County Board that this need to be tabled at this time

**COUNTY CLERK,
SHERIFF & CORONER -
MONTHLY REPORTS**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda are the February, 2025 monthly reports from the County Clerk and Sheriff reports and January and February, 2025 monthly reports for the Coroner.

Kevin Weston made motion to approve the reports as presented. Angela Evans second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Neil Hargis informed everyone that we will have no closed session.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Neil Hargis asked the Board if there were any questions. Angela Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Curtis Overton second the motion. There being no further business Chairman Neil Hargis declared the meeting adjourned.



Neil Hargis
Franklin County Board Chairman



Kevin Wilson
County Clerk and Recorder