

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Mar 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by J. Larry Miller. 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 J. Larry Miller, Dave Bartoni, Angela Evans, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Curtis Overton, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Ray Minor was absent.

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; Marty Leffler, Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Kevin Weston lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman J. Larry Miller said the pray. We Pray. Father, thank you for this opportunity. I pray and ask that you give us wisdom tonight as we deal with the issues that face not only tonight, but from day to day. I thank you for the lady and the men that I've served here and their willingness to be concerned for the people of this county and their needs. I pray God, you'd help us to be wise in that. I pray for our elections tomorrow for safety and all of that would be done in according to your will. Thank you for the opportunity to do that. Unusual in the world we live in. So I thank you for that. I thank you for your presence with Ryan Buckingham and his improvements that he is making.

You are gracious God and I thank you for it. Thank you for this season for Jesus who came and died for us, that with his death and resurrection, we have a hope that if we trust him, a hope of eternity with you. In the name of Christ, I pray, Amen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked if there is anyone who wants to make public comments? No comments at this time.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 20, 2024 Regular County Board Meeting. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Curtis Overton made a motion to pay the claims on file. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated: I want to remind you that tomorrow is election day in our county. The County Clerk is busy, busy and the timing was poor for us to have a board meeting, but that is the way it goes. So that's life in the fast lane. Kevin, appreciate it, thank you for being here.

DELINQUENT TAX RESOLUTIONS

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) to execute deeds on the parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2024-10 and 2024-21.

UPDATED PLANS FOR LANDSCAPE - SPRING 2024 - 1% - APPROVAL

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval for updated Plans for Landscape around the Courthouse for the Spring 2024 using the 1% funding to pay the invoice from M & M Landscaping at an amount of \$19,000.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the M & M Landscaping invoice as presented. David Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said invoice is made a part of these minutes.

Kevin Weston stated: I do want to let you guys know that we did receive \$7,000 from the general contractor Fager-McGee to reimburse for that, redoing the landscape and so it is not a complete expense there.

Brad Wilson asked: Kevin, with that, I guess this would be a discussion after they come and do the top soil and it is going to be dusty and dirty. I noticed the windows out here are looking pretty bad already. Are we going to have them cleaned and washed after we get done with all that construction?

Kevin Weston stated: My plan is to; I have talked to some of the security personnel. They complain about the windows and we got to talk about it and I will probably try to get somebody in here, here in the spring and get the windows, the tall windows done up front.

**NOVACOM QUOTE FOR (3)
HALOS FOR CAMPBELL
BUILDING - ARPA -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval for the quote for the three halos for the Campbell billing using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund. He presented a quote from NovaCom Communications from Herrin, in the amount of \$8,999.99. That is almost \$9,000, so we need a motion to approve that.

Angela Evans made a motion to approve the three halos for the Campbell billing using ARPA. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said quote is made a part of these minutes.

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated: I will say that the people I have talked to, various people that say that this is a good move on our part for security there in that building. So, I am glad for that to hear that.

**NOVACOM QUOTE FOR (3)
INTERNAL DOORS -
LOCKS/BUZZER SYSTEM
FOR CAMPBELL
BUILDING - ARPA -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the NovaCom Communications quote for the interior doors at the Campbell building. The interior doors locks, buzzer assistance will be \$3,620.62 using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the quote from NovaCom as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said quote is made a part of these minutes.

**ANIMAL CONTROL
CONTRACT WITH
CHRISTOPHER -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Animal Control Service contract agreement with the City of Christopher which was presented and discussed earlier at the Committee meetings.

Curtis Overton made a motion to accept the agreement with the City of Christopher as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2024-03.

**EWING WATER DISTRICT
- 1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Ewing Water District Board and he recommends reappointing Dennis Kern to another six year term ending April 20, 2030.

Brad Wilson made a motion to reappoint Dennis Kern to the Ewing Water District Board as recommended. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**1% LARRY J.
FREDERICKS, LLC -
COURTHOUSE SECURITY
NEEDS FOR OFFICERS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is paying the invoice for Larry J. Fredericks, LLC. from Danville to provide Public Safety Equipment for the security officers at the courthouse. Larry J. Fredericks, LLC. from Danville will provide five officers point blank with 2 carries and soft trauma plate with a total amount of \$3,280 and using 1% fund to pay this invoice.

David Bartoni made a motion to approve paying the invoice for Larry J. Fredericks, LLC. as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said invoice is made a part of these minutes.

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

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the February, 2024 monthly reports from the County Clerk, Sheriff and Coroner reports.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the reports as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

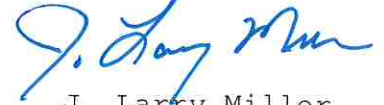
CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is a closed session and he stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Curtis Overton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Evans seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Kevin Wilson
County Clerk and Recorder