

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Mar 20, 2023

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, Angela Evans, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Jack Warren was absent.

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Amos Abbott, E-911 Director; Sheriff Kyle Bacon; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Darla Fitzjerrells, Director of Court Services; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

John Gossett lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time. Tom Carter commented an ordinance Franklin County Clerk and Treasurer for remodel and build Courthouse and also should use strictly to payoff debt.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2023 Regular County Board Meeting. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

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

**FEDERAL AID
AGREEMENT - LOG
CABIN ROAD -
AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the agreement for Federal Aid Agreement for the Log Cabin Road which is section number 20-00189-00-RS for 2.57 miles with a location of Jefferson County Line to Ewing Road.

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

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2023-03.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next 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.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2023-09 and 2023-10.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BOARD IN SUPPORT OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY
AGRICULTURE -
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution and he presented this Franklin County Board Resolution in support of Franklin County Agriculture.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept this resolution as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2023-11.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT -
AMENDMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the amendment to the Emergency Medical Services Agreement and he asked Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency to explain. Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency explained that this is amending

Agreement No. 2022-08 that was approved on June 21, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting. The amended agreement will be changing Section 2 of the previous agreement for a term of 90 days from the date of signature and replace a paragraph within Exhibit "A".

John Gossett made a motion to accept the changes as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said amended agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2023-04.

**911 CENTER
CONSOLIDATION
IMPLEMENTATION
PLANNING PROPOSAL
-ARPA FUND -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the 911 Center Consolidation Implementation Planning Proposal funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) and he asked Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency to explain. Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency explained and presented the proposal for the Consolidation Implementation Plan Development with a cost of \$22,499.64.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said proposal is made a part of these minutes.

PCO #60 - APPROVAL

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the PCO #60 which is Prime Contract Potential Change Order #060: Restroom 106 and Elevator Card Reader. This change is to replace the door knob for privacy and to remove the existing carpet tiles and install owner provided vinyl plank flooring on existing adhesive. And change the Judge's elevator card reader on the first floor with Otis billing the County separately.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the PCO#60 as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said PCO #60 is made a part of these minutes.

**VARIANCE FOR TERRY &
BRENDA KILGROVE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the variance for Terry and Brenda Kilgrove and he explained that this has a violation of the plat act according to Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments. Brad Wilson, the board has discretion proceeded to vote.

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

Said variance is made a part of these minutes.

**HONEYWELL UNIT
HEATER FOR COUNTY
JAIL SALLY PORT -
ARPA FUND - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Honeywell Unit Heater for Jail Sally Port using the ARPA funding (American Rescue Plan Act).

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the heater for the Jail Sally Port. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ADDITIONAL SCANNING
/ MOVING FOR CIRCUIT
CLERK - ARPA FUND -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of additional scanning / moving for Circuit Clerk being paid through the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund. Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk, presented to hire a second scanner Janis Manis being funded through ARPA as well as Explore Universal Moving estimate to move files and document books and to be pay threw the ARPA fund. Chairman J. Larry Miller tabled this item at this time.

**PAINTING AS
NECESSARY FOR
CAMPBELL BUILDING -
1% FUNDING -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on agenda is the painting as necessary for the Campbell Building and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston explained that this will be for the Public Defender to have an office in the basement and will need to paint the offices and have them cleaned out before painting. This will be paid for though the General Fund for the remodeling and updating instead of the 1% funding.

Angela Evans made motion to approve the painting of the Campbell Building as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

REFITTING SPACE AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR TAKING ACTION TODAY (TAT) OFFICES AND A CLASSROOM FOR INMATE TREATMENT PROGRAMMING - OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDING - APPROVAL

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of refitting space at the Sheriff's office for Taking Action Today (TAT) offices and a classroom for inmate treatment programming being paid for through the Opioid Abatement Funding and he asked Sheriff Kyle Bacon to explain. Sheriff Kyle Bacon presented the County Board with information about the Opioid Abatement Funds showing how the funds for TAT started.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the refitting space at the Sheriff's office as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said opioid abatement funding is made a part of these minutes.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO DEPLOY A SECOND SINGLE PURPOSE NARCOTICS K9 TO BE ASSIGNED TO A PATROL DEPUTY - OPIOID ABATEMENT FUNDING - APPROVAL

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Sheriff's office to deploy a second single purpose narcotics K9 to be assigned to a patrol deputy and this will be paid for through the opioid abatement funding and he asked Sheriff Kyle Bacon to explain. Sheriff Kyle Bacon presented the County Board with cost quotes from Vohne Liche Kennels Inc from Denver, Indiana showing the cost and training for the narcotic K9.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the narcotics K9 as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said cost quote is made a part of these minutes.

**INSTALLATION OF
RUMBLE STRIPS ON
PARK STREET ROAD AT
148 INTERSECTION -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the installation of rumble strips on Park Street Road at 148 Intersection. Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that this item needs to be tabled for more information from Abby Dinn, States Attorney and Mike Rolla, County Engineer.

**ABATING THE TAX
HERETO LEVIED FOR
THE YEAR 2022 TO PAY
THE PRINCIPAL OF AND
INTEREST ON
\$2,910,000 GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS
(ALTERNATE REVENUE
SOURCE), SERIES 2012,
OF THE COUNTY OF
FRANKLIN, ILLINOIS -
ORDINANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Ordinance Abating the Tax hereto levied for the Year 2022 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,910,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012 and he explained it is a procedural process that the county does every year to stay legal with the bond company and he asked for approval.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve this ordinance as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2023-01.

**US BANK CREDIT CARD
FOR SHERIFF'S
PURCHASE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is US Bank Credit Card for Sheriff's purchase with 1% funding for an Amazon purchase for a total of \$13.99.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to US Bank Credit Card for Sheriff's purchase. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**CIRCUIT CLERK
OPERATIONS FUND -
REIMBURSEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is reimburse Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk Operation Fund with 1% funding for Judges power strips for court rooms A, B, C & D for a total of \$89.15 and a Samsung 27-inch monitor for scanning for a total \$162.78. The total for both claims is \$251.93.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to reimburse Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk Operation Fund. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claims and invoices are made a part of these minutes.

**HONEYWELL - HEATING
UNIT FOR SHERIFF'S
SALLY PORT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Honeywell heating unit for Sheriff's Sally Port and he informed the County Board that this item needs to be tabled at this time.

**DENNING CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Denning Cemetery Association and he recommends Janice Warren to be appointed to replace David Willmore's unexpired term ending June 1, 2025.

John Gossett made a motion to appoint Janice Warren to the Denning Cemetery Association board as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**911 EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE SYSTEM - 3
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda are three appointments to the Emergency Telephone System Board with members Derek Sailliez, Shane Cockrum, and Jeremy Parke terms expiring.

Neil Hargis made a motion to reappoint Derek Sailliez, Shane Cockrum, and Jeremy Parke to the Emergency Telephone System Board for another three year term ending March 20, 2026. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin County Housing Authority Board and he informed the County Board that this appointment needs to be tabled at this time.

**SOUTH CENTRAL IL
MASS TRANSIT BOARD /
SCT - 1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the South Central Illinois Mass Transit District Board and he read a letter from John Schubert, Chairman of the Board, South Central Illinois Transit requesting that Pam Boyd be reappointed with an expiration of her term being June 30, 2026 as requested by SCT.

Ray Minor made a motion to reappoint Pam Boyd to the South Central Illinois Mass Transit District Board. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter from SCT is made a part of these minutes.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the February, 2023 monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, Franklin County Coroner and Sheriff.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the reports as presented. Curtis Overton 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 that the next item on the agenda is a closed session and he informed the County Board that a closed session is needed to discuss personnel.

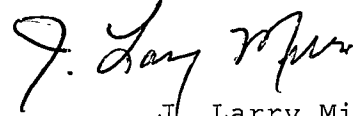
Brad Wilson made a motion to go into closed session at 7:24 p.m. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

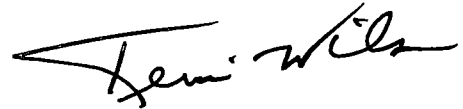
Neil Hargis made a motion to resume the open meeting at 8:15 p.m. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Curtis Overton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Wilson 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