

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Kevin Weston
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Office Manager

DATE: March 3, 2025

PUBLIC SAFETY
(Sheriff's Office, EMA, Animal Control,
Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services,)
DECEMBER, 2024 THRU NOVEMBER, 2025
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) David Bartoni – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans - Animal Control
- (x) John Gossett - EMA
- (x) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Larry Miller
- (x) Ray Minor
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) Kevin Weston
- (x) Brad Wilson –

County Offices

- () Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA (Phone)
- () Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
- () Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
- () Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Rob Wielt (with AGE), Steve Vercellino and other interested parties
No Public Comments

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman, David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Bartoni asked for reports....

Sheriff Kyle Bacon had to leave earlier, but had passed out...

- Monthly Sheriff's Report – Financial, which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3/3/2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Monthly Sheriff's Report – Patrol, which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3/3/2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- He has also asked the county board to include a“ Franklin County Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation” on the 3-17-2025 County Board Agenda.
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Coroner Marty Lefler...

- Passed out his January, 2025 report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3/3/2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3.
- Passed out his February, 2025 report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3/3/2025 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 4.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM

Minutes submitted 03/13/2025

David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee

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The meeting was called to order at 5:52 PM by Chairman, David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Chairman Bartoni mentioned that Ryan Buckingham is now back to being with us in person, after a long 15 months over the phone!

Buckingham received an applause by those present!

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham....

- County had another week of bad weather,
- We were lucky this time.
- There was a tornado from Zeigler to West Frankfort, but it didn't touch the ground.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Explained the "Child Abuse Prevention Month"
- It will be Wednesday, April 9th on the County Courthouse lawn.
- He also mentioned the "Franklin County Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation" that is on the following Board Meeting Agenda.
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Coroner Marty Lefler...

- Stated he had nothing to discuss this evening.

County Board chairman Neil Hargis...

- Has on the Board Meeting agenda to hire Amanda Kink to be the Franklin County Board Office Manager.
- He also said he has a few appointments on tonight's agenda

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted 04/03/2025

David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee