

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Office Manager

DATE: March 3, 2025

TRANSPORTATION (Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds) 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) Curtis Overton – Chairman
- (x) David Bartoni
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett
- (x) Neil Hargis - County Board Chairman
- (x) Larry Miller
- (x) Ray Minor
- (x) Kevin Weston – (Buildings)
- (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 Fitzgerrell, 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
- () Bobbie Willims, Animal Control Supervisor
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

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 5:51 PM by Chairman, Curtis Overton. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Matt Barnett/County Highway Engineer was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- Next month he will be gone from April 14 –18 to Schaumburg and will attend the National Association of County Engineers Conference.
- Yellow Banks is ready to begin.

Chairman Overton gave his report...

- It is hard to get bids and quotes.
- He did get one for the Campbell Building to reseal the roof.
- Sump pump went out at the Campbell Building.
- City of Benton would like to set up their payment on the lease to be made on the 10th of the month.
- They will also catch up on the payment for January and February in 2025.
- Temporary walls are up.
- He has been considering paint schemes for the Campbell Building. His thought was to do similar colors as those that are at the Courthouse.

County Vice Chairman, Kevin Westin...

- Had the quote (\$29,108.00) from Fager-McGee for their part of work to be done on elevator 4.
- Had the quote (\$302.00/hour) from Otis for their part of work to be done on elevator 4
- Bids for furniture had been opened and Stiles was the lowest. EMA Director Ryan Buckingham will be paying for the furniture from a grant he has received.
- Director will also be using grant funds to pay for the blinds in dispatch.

Circuit Clerk, Jim Muir, again asked for the board to do something about the problems with the HVAC system in the Courthouse...

- During this cold weather, his crew, and others, would walk into 50 degree offices and sometimes it was even colder than that.
- Warming the offices was just not happening without some small heaters.
- Muir would go through the area after the employees were gone to do another check that all the heaters were turned off.
- After several requests to get someone to fix the problem, he also made it known, that knowing what caused the problem did not make it any warmer.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

Minutes submitted 03/13/2025

Curtis Overton, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee

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Matt Barnett/County Highway Engineer was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- He Discussed his items that were on the following Board Agenda.
- No call-outs happened during the last storm, and no damage that he is aware of.
- He reminded the board that he would be gone to the National Association of Engineers for a few days.

Chairman Overton gave his report...

- He discussed his items on the following county board agenda
 1. Richard Giles Service to clean the Courthouse Windows for a cost of \$3,400.
 2. Custom Renovations to fix Problems on the Campbell Building Roof for \$13,800.00 to be paid by 1%
- Bids wanted for mowing county lawns has been posted on the County Facebook and Web site.
- He and County Vice Chairman, Kevin Westin also discussed with the board the problems with the HVAC system in the Courthouse.
 1. A new controller board is needed which will be around \$150,200.00.
 2. Our unit was not a good unit from the beginning.
 3. Board discussed checking on legal rights for the county with the Architect and The Engineer that installed the unit.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM

Minutes submitted 04/3/2025

Curtis Overton, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee