

March 04, 2024

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
DECEMBER 2023 THRU NOVEMBER 2024
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:

- Ray Minor – Chairman
- Angela Evans
- John Gossett - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- Curtis Overton
- David Bartoni
- Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

County Offices

- Amos Abbott, Director 911
- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
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Guests (Public Comments)...Jim Reed (Concerned about near-by house. He felt like it was a possible "drug house" and he could not get help for the safety of the children and the elderly in the neighborhood), Dwayne Williams, and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:13 by Chairman Ray Miner. See above lists of those attending.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present. Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Cash flow summary beginning balance as of 03/04/2024 was \$9,240,824.

- ARPA balance is \$4,727,633.00. Estimated funds needed for the Coroner's Officer and Dispatch addition would leave a remaining ARPA balance of \$527,633.00
- Included with the ARPA information, Vercellino again included a sheet listing the projects and the amount that has been spend from the ARPA funding.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 03-04-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Chairman Miller...

- Asked if the cash available listed as \$3,178,198.33 is actually in the general fund for the county and Vercellino assured him it is.
- Is going to discuss with County Board members Brad Wilson and Ray Minor concerning oversight for departments staying within their budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 PM
Minutes submitted 03/14/2024
Ray Minor - Finance Committee

March 18, 2024

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Guests (Public Comments)...Lynn Heins with U of I Extension, Dwayne Williams, Steve Vercellino and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Chairman Ray Miner. See above lists of those attending. There were no public comments.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present. Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Cash flow summary beginning balance as of 03/15/2024 was \$8,772,991
- ARPA balance is \$4,745,426.42. Estimated funds needed for the Coroner's Officer and Dispatch addition would leave a remaining ARPA balance of \$545,426.42.
- Included with the ARPA information, Vercellino again included a sheet listing the projects and the amount that has been spend from the ARPA funding.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 03-18-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Supervisor of Assessments Cindy Miklos...

- Had met with County Highway Engineer Matt Barnett, and GIS Tami Price to discuss the current Plat Act.
- Items to possible be changed would be
 1. Frontage currently 125 feet to 75 feet
 2. Acreage currently 5 acres to 2 acres.
 3. These changes are also being discussed with State's Attorney Abby Dinn and some concerns with Bi-County.
- Also mentioned that possible only subdivisions need to be brought to the board.

County Board Member Kevin Weston asked about the search for an Auditor. County Board Chairman Larry Miller responded that several firms have been reached out to, and so far, with none having space for a new client.

Miller also mentioned that, as the board is watching the budget lines even closer this year for each department, Sheriff's office has brought to him a problem with one of their line items...

- Last year, there were few juveniles that were sent for retention with a final cost of \$4,000.00 for the year. The youth involved were housed in Franklin County Juvenile Detention Center which didn't require much travel.
- This year, with only a few months gone in our budget year, retention for juveniles has already reached \$15,000.00. More youth have been placed in a detention center this year so part of the cost is housing them.
- A large part of the cost involves traveling to a facility (closest is St. Claire) and then having to travel to pick them up and bring them back to Benton for the court times. Then another trip has to be made to get the youth back to the facility.
- Discussion followed concerning ways to try to cut travel cost in the future.
- It was acknowledged that this budget overage is definitely not due to overspending and would be covered.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Minutes submitted 03/28/2024

Ray Minor - Finance Committee

