

DATE: March 4, 2024

**TRANSPORTATION  
(Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds)  
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:**

- (x) Kevin Weston – Chairman, Courthouse Construction
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett
- (x) Neil Hargis
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Curtis Overton
- ( ) Ray Minor
- (x) David Bartoni
- ( ) Brad Wilson

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- ( ) Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- ( ) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- ( ) Judge Melissa Morgan
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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 5:21 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above lists of those attending.

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

- Reminded the Board that the second day as County Highway Engineer, his department was inspected by OSHA. There were a few findings, but as of 02/15/2024, all findings and concerns have been resolved. An affidavit of acceptance will be sent to County Highway. Full presentation of original findings can be viewed on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 03-04-2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Cleaning culverts and trimming trees continues.
- Rock is being delivered.

Chairman Weston gave his report...

- Brought the bid for the updated plan – Spring 2024 - for the Courthouse lawn. This update will be on the 3-18-2024 County Board Meeting. The plans can be viewed on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 03-04-2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- He also mentioned that a small battery-operated mower would work better for the Courthouse.
- There have been a few changes on the Emergency Management & 911 Communications Center Project. These items will be researched and changed before the release of the bid documents.

County Board Member Curtis Overton...

- Gave an update on the Coroner's Office.
- Plumbing and electric are almost completed. Sheet rock has been hung.
- Has discussed with Benton concerning the repair of the drain tile and Benton's part in it.
- The Generator, which was not included in the original bids will be around \$12,000

The meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

Minutes submitted 03/14/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee

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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 5:15 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above lists of those attending. There were no public comments.

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

- Mentioned that County Highway had a lot of bills for rock in the claims. There have been a lot of loads delivered since the letting was done for County and Townships.
- Getting the tractors ready for the upcoming mowing seasons.
- Still trimming trees.
- Also mentioned that County Highway has not had an MFT audit for a few years. That it is not just County that is having a problem finding an auditor.

Chairman Weston gave his report...

- M&M Landscaping has proposed an Updated - 2024 version of the landscaping for the Courthouse. This is on the following agenda to officially decide. M&M (Mike McKinney) did think an area of the Courthouse would look good with some larger rock. He has purchased the rock and if the county does want it, the cost will only be an additional \$850.00. He plans on using the larger rock even if the county does not want to pay for it. It was suggested that we split the cost with him
- The rock to be used is Alabama Sunset rock.
- Plans to buy a small battery-operated mower with bagger. That would work better for the Courthouse.
- The sod will need to be watered on a regular basis.
- He is still waiting for the decision on the proposed changes of the Emergency Management & 911 Communications Center Project. This is in regards to a sprinkler in the building. Archimages is waiting on a response from our Fire Chief.
- Director Ryan Buckingham (phone) has talked to the Chief and he thinks we should have the answer soon.
- He has 2 items on the following night's agenda. Both of these safety plans are for the Campbell Building and will be installed by Novacom.
  1. One is called a Halo. There would be 3 units throughout the Cambell Building.
  2. The other safety movement will be interior locked doors that can also be accessed with card, and also with remote ability to open the doors for those who would need access inside the offices.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM

Minutes submitted 03/28/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee