

DATE: March 6, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY
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DECEMBER, 2022 THRU NOVEMBER, 2023
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:

- John Gossett – Chairman -Phone
- Angela Evans
- Neil Hargis - EMA
- Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- Curtis Overton
- Jack Warren – Animal Control - Phone
- Kevin Weston
- Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center

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- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor
- LaVonda Porter, JDC Assistant Superintendent
- Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
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Guests... Tom Carter and Rocky Morris (questions concerning early pay-off on the Courthouse), Heather Morse, Joe Grigiel, and Justin Turnbough,(EMS), Marc Lamczyk, Brad Browning, Kerry Robertson, Jerry Miller, Leon McClarren, and Brianna Walsh (Farm Bureau Resolution) and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM by Board Member Angela Evans in the absence in person of Chairman John Gossett attending on the phone. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Franklin County Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Submitted his February, 2023 report which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-6-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Bacon then addressed the opioid problems in the county and several ways the sheriff's office is attempting to mitigate this issue...
- The county has received approximately \$90,000 from the class action suit against pharmaceuticals so far. These funds are restricted in use. See attached Approved Abatement Programs on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-6-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2, which outlines how the money can be spent.
- See 3-6-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 3 on www.franklincountyil.gov to see the sheriff's plan for using some of the funds. He has asked to have this on the next county board agenda.
- Bacon and States' Attorney Abby Dinn are working on other options for the additional money within the fund.

Discussion followed concerning the plans.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Submitted his February 2023 report which will be on the next county board agenda for approval and can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-6-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 4.
- Has been getting pricing for the accessories for his van. Discussion followed.
- Heard from a pathologist about possibly contracting with Franklin County to provide his services to the southern Illinois counties only through Franklin County's facility. Discussion followed.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...

- The 911 board has agreed to pay half of the cost and asks the county to pay the other half (approximately \$22,499) to hire implementation planning consultants Mission Critical Partners to begin the County Central Dispatch project and to put it on the March 20th county board meeting agenda.
- Buckingham then introduced Joe Grigiel, with AMR ambulance provider who gave the board a report on AMR's financial situation with the county. This information can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-6-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 5
- Grigiel then explained a plan that he would like to present to the board that would help AMR's ability to stay viable and still provide services to the county. The amendment to our current medical services with AMR can be found can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-6-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 6. This amendment would have a 90 day trial period.

Chairman Larry Miller explained changes that are being considered concerning office spaces for Franklin County public facilities. Comments followed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Minutes submitted 3/16/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests... Mariah Hays (Casa), Heather Morse (EMS), Tom Carter and other interested parties.

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EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Explained the AMR contract which is on the following board meeting agenda. He is concerned about the details, but he recommends to pass it for a 90 day trial. Discussion followed.
- Also asked the board to approve another item on the agenda concerning the 911 Center Consolidation implementation planning proposal with Mission Critical which will be split with 911, and will be \$22,499.64 for each.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Explained his concerns with having his office in a separate building from his evidence area.
- Again, asked the board to consider the payment to have the coroner's van outfitted for his use. The items requested can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-20-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

Mariah Hayes, Executive Director for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), explained the need for CASA and the services provided. Her full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 3-20-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.

Discussion followed concerning ways to help support the work CASA does for the county.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

Minutes submitted 3/30/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee