

DATE: May 1, 2023

PUBLIC SAFETY
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Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services, Animal Control)
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:

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

County Offices

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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- (x) Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- () Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- () Judge Melissa Morgan
- () Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
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Guests... Rocky Morris (Forensic Audit Comments), Erick Christy (Concepte), Dwayne Williams, and other interested parties.

The Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Chairman John Gossett. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Gave his April report which will be accepted at the next County Board Meeting.

- He again has a few pending cases and is waiting for toxicology reports.
- Gossett asked if meth is still the most common drug overdose, and Leffler confirmed it was.
- Had submitted a claim for around \$700 to reimburse his funeral home for lights which needed to be installed before the insert kit could be installed.
- While installing the lights, NovaCom had stopped by to bring some wiring we needed. They said they put insert kits in and sent us a quote to do that work. Leffler does have funding in his fee account, which is for equipment, for the installation. The quote can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 5-1-2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- He will be trading in his old light bar and radio, and getting a new radio, (which will be a wash) like the Sheriff's department so they can be on the same frequency.
- Has replaced one of his Deputy Coroner's positions. He deputized Matt Warren, who has been sworn in for that position and has already answered several calls. He may be replacing another Deputy due to health problems.
- After waiting for 2 months for All Stars and Stitches to get the lettering on the van, Deputy Coroner John Owens decided to talk to All Stars and Stitches. They assured him it would be put on in the morning.
- John Owens also talked with Week's. The van came without a gasket for the door and needed wipers. These items have been on order for 2 months and have finally arrived. When Owens' went to Week's they didn't have anyone there that could work on it at the time, the van would need to be left there. Owens took the gasket and wipers and he has already installed both items. Leffler has been disappointed with Week's service for various problems.
- He plans to give his old van to Hill City Water, and it will replace that district's old van.
- He will be in Springfield next week at Illinois Association of Elected Officials.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

Presented his report to the board...

- He pointed out that from several different revenue sources from the Sheriff's office, his office has collected over \$340,000.00 this month and is on track to be over \$800,000.00 for the year. He would like to see it be over 1M.
- He then explained to the board that even if there were no Federal Prisoners being held, he would still have to employ the same number of employees due to scheduling issues. The full report will be accepted the next County Board meeting.

In other discussions... ..

- Board Member Kevin Weston updated the board concerning the meeting with the architectural firms that were chosen from their RFQ's responses, to be interviewed, for the Public Safety Building Addition.
- Since then, during a phone conference the committee was able to decide unanimously on first and second choices
- Board Member Curtis Overturf asked about the expected cost for the coroner's facility.
- Coroner Leffler responded that he thought the storage building had more than adequate space to meet his needs.
- Animal Control Supervisor Bobbie Williams has asked for the ARPA funding to help with a purchase she needs for the cat section and this will be on the next County Board Meeting. She has funding in her donation fund to update her dog area.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Minutes submitted 5/11/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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Guests... Tom Carter (Forensic Audit and 1% Sales Tax Comments), Dwayne Williams, Jim Kerley, Cindy Miklos (commented on Plat Act Requirements) and other interested parties.

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County Sheriff Kyle Bacon commented on the plan for the Public Safety Building. In his opinion this is a great project to do for the safety of the residents of Franklin County.

Chairman Larry Miller mentioned that he had one appointment on the agenda. Scott Ward is to be reappointed on the Board of Review.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Minutes submitted 6/01/2023

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee