

May 6, 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:

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

County Offices

- () Amos Abbott, Director 911
- () Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- (x) Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA (Phone)
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) 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 Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk (arrived 5:07)

Guests (Public Comments), Steve Vercellino, Dwayne Williams 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 and there were no public comments.

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

- Cash flow summary beginning balance as of 04/30/2024 was \$8,750,618

- ARPA balance is \$4,724,241.54. Estimated funds needed for the Coroner's Officer and Dispatch addition would leave a remaining ARPA balance of \$524,241.54.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-06-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.

At this time, County Board Member John Gossett asked the Coroner Marty Leffler if the coroner's office was done and Leffler responded that no it wasn't done yet.

County Board Member Brad Wilson then said he would like to discuss property assessment problems in Franklin County...

- He then passed out an example that a business and a homeowner had taken to the Board of Review and the results from the Board of Review
- The business information can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-06-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- The resident information can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-06-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 3.
- He also included a letter to the Board Members which can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-06-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 4.
- Wilson then mentioned that none of the problems have anything to do with the current staff in the Supervisor of Assessments office
- Discussions followed...
 1. There is a concern that we are not capturing all the moneys that could be included in the tax role.
 2. Tax rates are not actually the board's decisions.
 3. Mentioned hiring someone to work full time for the office to do assessments.
 4. It was mentioned that there are stacks for the current assessors to research that are not being done.
 5. A few years ago, someone was contracted to help and was paid per parcel.
 6. Maybe have a talk to taxing districts.
 7. Board members were asked to think about a plan to correct our problems with the assessments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM
Minutes submitted 05/16/2024
Ray Minor - Finance Committee

May 20, 2024

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Guests (Public Comment)... Tom Carter (Posting Agendas), Rocky Morris (Process of Forensic Audit), Steve Vercellino, and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 by Chairman Ray Miner. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

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

- Cash flow summary beginning balance as of 05/20/2024 was \$8,531,138
- ARPA balance is \$4,725,327.84. Estimated funds needed for the Coroner's Officer and Dispatch addition would leave a remaining ARPA balance of \$525,327.84.
- The full report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-20-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- He did mention that one of the monthly billings – Office Management Services was 3 months behind on their billing, which made it a larger than usual payment.
- Discussed Juvenile Detention Center and the cost that the county is now paying to have youth located at other Centers. And more youth are being detained now than in previous years. Sheriff Bacon had already brought this problem to the board and all were aware of this.
- The auditor that we will be approving during the following 5-20-2024 County Board Meeting, is already requesting information.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller commented on the financial condition of the Juvenile Detention Center...

- The JDC shows in the black...is that correct?
- Vercellino responded that the state final reimbursement for salaries had been paid to the county and yes that is correct.
- Bills for cleaning and other necessary costs for the JDC will be taken from this line.

Then Miller mentioned that the last sales tax received is still staying in the \$200,000 amount.

Board Member Kevin Weston asked Vercellino if the schools will get a final tax disbursement around the end of school...Vercellino responded that yes, the schools will get a final payment but, as usual, it will be a very small amount.

Cindy Miklos then explained an item on the following County Board Agenda ...Violation of the Plat Act on Mark Ingram on the requirement of 125' of road frontage. While selling some of his acreage, Ingram would have 1 parcel with only a 37' road frontage. Miklos is already researching future changes in the Plat Act which would include changing the required frontage to 50'. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 PM

Minutes submitted 05/30/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee