

DATE: May 6, 2024

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- (x) Angela Evans
- () Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) David Bartoni
- (x) Kevin Weston
- (x) Brad Wilson -- Juvenile Detention Center

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- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- () 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 5:45 by Chairman John Gossett. See above lists of those attending and there were no public comments.

Chairman Gossett asked for any reports or information...

Sheriff Kyle Bacon submitted his financial report and it is to be on the 5-20-2024 County Board Agenda.

Coroner Marty Leffler Update on the Coroner's Office...

- April report was given and is to be on the 5-20-2024 County Board Agenda.
- Repainting again!
- Cooler is operating
- Ready to flip Phone Lines and IT to the new location.
- No gutter was on the original building. He was asked to get a bid for gutters.
- Lighting on the outside of the building
- Will be gone next week to Springfield for meeting.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...(PHONE)...

- Asked if anyone had questions on the Implementation Plan for the EOC.
- 90% of the budget is personnel.
- 2 per shift on nights could lower cost.
- Told the Board an active weather week is coming up.

Chairman Larry Miller concerning an auditor...

- The county will be hiring the past auditor – Rice and Sullivan
- 60 Day extension has already been filed
- No fines have been issued since Covid.
- He has been in contact with the state to let them know our status.

Board Member Kevin Weston mentioned that the bids for the EOC will be opened at 2:00 PM on May 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM

Minutes submitted 05/16/2024

John Gossett – Public Safety Committee

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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 5:32 by Chairman John Gossett. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Chairman Gossett asked for any reports or information...

Coroner Marty Leffler Update on the Coroner's Office...

- He was asked to get bids for gutters at the Coroner's Office at the last meeting.
- He presented bids from The Roofing Guys, Skibo Exterior Services, and Midwest Seamless Gutter Service.
- These bids can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-20-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1 and will be on the June 17, 2024 County Board Meeting Agenda for a decision. Discussion followed concerning the bids.
- Building is for most areas finished, and he feels like it is looking really nice.
- Some more needed furniture is being ordered.
- The first occupant has now been in the building's cooler.
- Coroner's van is parked inside because of bad weather.
- IT and Phones will be ready by the following Friday and will be using SparkLite.
- There will be an upcoming open-house for other coroners to see the facility. Date to be determined later.
- Leffler is purchasing some of the furniture items and other needed items from one of his Coroner's Fund.
- Would like to have some parking areas marked.
- Was in Springfield a few days and was introduced on the House Floor as the president of the Coroners Association.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Explained the item he has on the following County Board Agenda concerning the Intergovernmental Agreement with Akin Water District. This is for an installation of a radio repeater.
- Will also be putting one on Satch Road and one on West Frankfort water tower in the future.
- Audit was completed on the Commissary fund with no deficiencies.
- Teri Conaway and Beth Cunningham have been working on cleaning out and cleaning up the JDC. There is still a lot of stuff that needs to be emptied from the building.
- Gossett did ask about a women's inmate facility. Discussion followed.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Will be voting to hire Rice and Sullivan as the county auditor.
- Received a letter from Williamson County EMA thanking Franklin County Emergency Management Agency for the support they gave in response to the series of tornadoes that affected the southern portion of Williamson County on April 2, 2024. This letter can be seen in full on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-20-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- Spoke about a meeting that he, County Board Member David Bartoni, and Supervisor of Assessments, Cindy Miklos had with Hamilton Branch Solar. A map showing the early stage of development of solar can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 05-20-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 3.
 1. 1600 Acres in Ewing Township will be a part of this solar project.
 2. It should be finished by 2029.
 3. This will bring some tax revenue.
 4. Franklin County is not zoned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM

Minutes submitted 05/16/2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee