

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Nov 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by J. Larry Miller. This meeting was held in the Franklin County Courthouse, County Board Room 133, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were J. Larry Miller, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Ray Minor, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Randall Crocker and Mark Kash were absent.

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Darla Fitzjerrells, Director of Court Services; Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman J. Larry Miller lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time.

Cindy Britton asked about the warranty of the new elevators in the courthouse. Kevin Weston explained it was a one year warranty.

Dwayne Williams asked about the age and wondered if the rates would be different as they age. He also wants to know what it cost to operate the courthouse. Chairman J. Larry Miller explained what some of the contingency money is and where it comes from. Kevin Weston explained there was money in the budget of the courthouse and the courthouse came in under budget.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 17, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting and the November 14, 2022 Special County Board Meeting. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS Jack Warren made a motion to pay the claims on file. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

INSTALLATION OF WATER CONTROL / CONSERVATION SYSTEM AT THE COUNTY JAIL - APPROVAL Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval for Purchase / Installation of Water Control / Conservation System for the County Jail and he informed the County Board that this will need to be tabled at this time.

VEHICLE FOR ANIMAL CONTROL - PURCHASE WITH ARPA FUNDING - APPROVE. Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is approval for purchasing a vehicle for Animal Control with ARPA Funding. John Gossett presented a vehicle detailed printout and recommended to the County Board the purchase of a 2022 Silverado 1500 4WD truck at a cost of \$46,551.24 and asks for approval.

John Gossett made a motion to purchase the 2022 Silverado truck for Animal Control. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the voting was as follows: John Gossett, Ray Minor, Kevin Weston, and Chairman J. Larry Miller voted yes and Neil Hargis, Jack Warren, and Brad Wilson voted no. Motion carried 4 - yes, 3 - no, and 2 absent.

Said vehicle printout is made a part of these minutes.

PUBLIC DEFENDER - FULL TIME POSITION - APPROVE Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is approval of a full time Public Defender position. Kevin Weston asked if there is any reimbursement to the County and he stated that having a full time public defender position has been recommended by Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Rhett Barke, County's Attorney; and Judge Tedeschi.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the full time Public Defender's position. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FIDLAR & US IMAGING
/ SCANNING WITH ARPA
FUNDING - APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is approval of Fidlar Media Conversion Agreement and a proposal from US Imaging / Scanning Vital Record Books and Recorded Documents using the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. It involves to scan, capture & image processing - includes scanning, image cropping, border removal, masking, image enhancements & grouping / naming of images and project resource management and import for a total cost of \$354,203.86 for the Media Conversion. And the proposal to scan vital record books by US Imaging will have a total estimated cost of \$201,227.50. This was discussed at the committee meeting earlier this evening.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the agreement and proposal as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-12 and the proposal is made a part of these minutes.

**OTIS ELEVATOR
MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENT - APPROVE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Otis Elevator Maintenance Agreement. Brad Wilson thinks the contract should start at the end of the warranty and Kevin Weston read the contract and the maintenance agreement will begin when the warranty ends. This was discussed at the committee meeting earlier this evening.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2022-13.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (J. Larry Miller) to execute deeds on the parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Jack Warren made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-39 thru 2022-44.

**COUNTY FEDERAL AID
MATCHING TAX FUND
TRANSFER -
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the County Federal Aid Matching Fund Transfer in order to qualify for State Matching funds, the county must levy at a minimum rate of 0.045%. This was discussed at the committee meeting earlier this evening.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-45.

**APPROPRIATING FUNDS
FOR THE PAYMENT OF
COUNTY ENGINEER'S
SALARY - RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's salary from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2022-46.

**AMENDMENT TO
ORDINANCE / FINES
FOR ANIMAL CONTROL -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the amendment to the Ordinance / Fines for Animal Control and he asked Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor to explain. Bobbie Overturf, Animal Control Supervisor explained that this will amend the ordinance that was passed on June 19, 2001 at the Regular County Board meeting with Ordinance Number 2001-01 amending Section 14, Subsection (a) increasing the fine fees. This was discussed at the committee meeting earlier this evening.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the amended ordinance as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2022-04.

ALL STARS & STITCHES

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is All Stars & Stitches for custom decals and a sign for the Courthouse for a total of \$153.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to All Stars & Stitches. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

BEGGS LAWN SERVICE

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Beggs Lawn Service for pressure washed outside recreation yard and concrete at the Juvenile Detention Center for a total of \$300.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Beggs Lawn Service. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**ALLEGIANCE FENCE &
CONSTRUCTION (ANIMAL
CONTROL)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Allegiance Fence & Construction for repairing two gate panels for a total of \$150.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Allegiance Fence & Construction. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

US BANK

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is US Bank for a refrigerator for the Courthouse and a vacuum cleaner for the Campbell Building for a total of \$405.96.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to US Bank. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**GFI (CAMPBELL
BUILDING)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is GFI Digital for copiers for the County Clerk's office, Election office, Treasurer's office and Supervisor of Assessments office in the Campbell Building for a total of \$18,952.90.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to GFI Digital. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**GFI (SHERIFF, ANIMAL
CONTROL, & STATES
ATTORNEY)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is GFI Digital for copiers for the Sheriff's office, Animal Control office, and States Attorney office for a total of \$15,632.48.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to GFI Digital. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

POWER WASH PLUS

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is GB Chance Inc. dba Power Wash Plus for power washing the exterior of the Campbell Building for a total of \$1,625.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to GB Chance Inc. dba Power Wash Plus. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

FW ELECTRIC (JDC)

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is FW Electric Inc. for electrician services at the Juvenile Detention Center for a total of \$2,065.13.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to FW Electric Inc. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

VAUGHNS ROOFING (JDC)

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Vaughns Roofing Inc. for skylight repairs at the Juvenile Detention Center for a total of \$5,772.00.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the payment to Vaughns Roofing Inc. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC #20**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc #20 this claim isn't available at this time.

**MINER'S CEMETERY OF
ROYALTON - 7
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is seven appointments to the Miner's Cemetery of Royalton Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**DENNING CEMETERY
ASSOCIATION - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Denning Cemetery Association Board which will need to be tabled at this time.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the October, 2022 monthly report from the Franklin County Clerk and Franklin County Coroner. The Sheriff report wasn't available at this time.

Brad Wilson made motion to approve the reports as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**REGIONAL OFFICE OF
EDUCATION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the report from the Regional Office of Education #21 (ROE), the Reports of Official Acts are for the period of July, 2022 thru June, 2023.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the ROE report as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ROE report is made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is a closed session and he informed the County Board that no closed session is needed at this time.

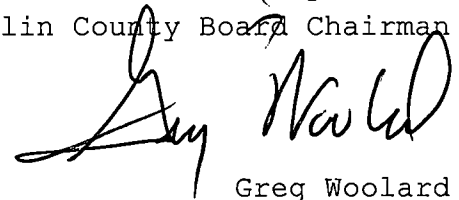
**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Jack Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder