

November 4, 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:

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

County Offices

- Amos Abbott, Director 911
- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- Marty Leffler, Coroner
- Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- Judge Melissa Morgan
- Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
- Monica Urban, Probation
- Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (and subject of those stating public comments) ...Donnie Miklos, Steve Vercellino, Randy House and other interested parties that attended. No Public Comments

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Board Chairman Larry Miller in the absence of 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...

- As of 10/31/2024 the Beginning Balance is \$9,353,769, estimated ending minus new claims for 11/15/2024 will be around to be \$9,868,3991.
- Claims Docket is also included.
- The total report and other reports can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-4-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- County Board Chairman Larry Miller then mentioned...  
He had been in touch with our current auditor and they will not be doing our 2024 Audit  
He has been in touch with an auditor that is interested in taking over our county's audit.

Comment was made by County Board Member Neil Hargis that some school districts are also having a hard time finding an auditor.

Copies of the proposed 2025 Budget are on display and are available.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM

Minutes submitted 11/14/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee

November 18, 2024

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Judge Morgan was in attendance to again speak to the Board concerning the LED light sign for the Courthouse lawn. She will ask for consent from the board, and upon consent, she will submit a grant for the 8'x4' sign and also for the work to put in the electrical connection – Clinton Electric will do that connection for \$3,200. She did explain that as the years go by, if any- thing would need to be fixed, the county would be responsible for that and the monthly electrical cost. Board member Kevin Westen (Chairman Building and Grounds) said, that during his committee, he would ask the board for their consent and which version of the sign was wanted.

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 by Chairman Ray Miner. See above lists of those attending and the (subject of those stating public comments).

Chairman Minor then submitted the county claims which were approved and signed by all members present. were then submitted and were approved and signed by all members present.

Franklin County Treasurer, Steve Vercellino explained the county claims and then reported on the county finances ...

- Included in his report is Revenue & Expenditure Comparison for Period Ending 11/30/2024, and the Cash flow statement,
- The full report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-18-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- 2025 Budget Approval is on the agenda for tonight.

Board Chairman Larry Miller...

- Thinks the approval of the Employee insurance through Randy House and Associates is a good move.
- Brought to the board member's attention that we do have a proposal for engagements to conduct the County's annual audits. The info can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-18-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- Circuit Clerk Jim Muir is still waiting for an answer from Rice, Sullivan & Co. LTD about them doing his audit.

Board Member John Gossett asked Supervisor of Assessment Cynthia Miklos about the progress of the assessor, Jason Heumann, that was hired by the county to help catch up on new structures that are not currently on the tax roll.

- Miklos told the board that his first report will be in this week.
- He plans to do at least 5 a week.
- 60 reports will be his goal for the 3 months he will be working on this.
- He is focusing only on new construction, not re-assessing items that are already on the tax roll.
- He has also been given new construction items for each township.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 PM

Minutes submitted 11/27/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee