

DATE: November 4, 2024

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DECEMBER, 2023 THRU NOVEMBER, 2024
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- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- () Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- (x) Curtis Overton
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- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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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 5:30 by Chairman John Gossett. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Chairman Gossett asked for reports....

Sheriff Kyle Bacon ...

- Explained the financial increase in Inmates' health – Opioid addiction is a big part of the reason.
- He also mentioned that he has another group to look at the JDC.
- EOC workers are into the electrical and plumbing process and work seems to be moving quickly.

Randy House, Randy House & Associates, INC. was there to explain to the board the coverage/cost with-in the next Employees Insurance and why the board will be raising the deductible that is County's coverage. This will be on the November 18, 2024 County Board Agenda for approval.

Gossett mentioned...

- Minimum wage will be going up by \$1.00 on January 1, 2025.
- He has also been looking through the amount of county employees that will still be making minimum wage.
- He also brought up the idea of possible raising employees another \$1.00 above minimum wage. Discussion followed.
- Gossett has also talked with Lynn Heins (U of I Extension) concerning the funding for the Extension. Discussion followed with the board.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

Minutes submitted 11/14/2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee

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Guests (and subject of those stating public comments) ..., Steve Vercellino, Dwayne Williams, Steven Overturf and other interested parties that attended.

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 5:41 by Chairman John Gossett. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Chairman Gossett asked for reports....

Coroner Marty Leffler had sent his October, 2024 report to the board members and would not be in attendance for the meeting. His report will be available under the November 18, 2024 Board Meeting under Acceptance of Reports.

EMA Director, Ryan Buckingham commented on the EOC progress...

- Costrucion is going along.
- Framing of the building will begin soon.
- Not expecting any problems in timing.
- Masonry is also close to being done.
- Chairman Gossett asked about the grant that Ryan has and will some of the Furniture be a part of that?
- Buckingham said he and the architect have discussed that but no conclusions yet.

County Board Larry Miller said there are 2 appointments for 708 -Centerstone on the Agenda that will be reappointed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM

Minutes submitted 11/27/2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee