

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AT 6:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING
Nov 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Kevin Wilson, called the roll. Members in attendance were J. Larry Miller, Angela Evans, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, and Kevin Weston. Jack Warren and Brad Wilson were absent.

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager; Kyle Bacon, Sheriff; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Matt Barnett and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed everyone that the purpose for this meeting is to approve the public posting of the FY2024 budget, appointing a County Engineer and along with approving the County Engineer's salary then a closed session will take place.

PUBLIC POSTING OF PROPOSED FY2024 BUDGET

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Public Posting of the FY2024 Budget.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the draft budget for posting. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY ENGINEER
APPOINTMENT -
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for appointing a new County Engineer and he asked Kevin Weston to speak.

Kevin Weston: We have interviewed Matt Barnett, who's worked for the county for 18 years. He's been our resident engineer working under Mike Rolla. Matt knows our county. He knows our employees and I think we all agreed after that interview that he'd be the perfect person. So I'd like to recommend that we hire Matt as our county engineer to replace Mike Rolla. John Gossett seconded the motion as presented.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2023-26.

**COUNTY ENGINEER'S
SALARY - AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the agreement for the county engineer salary. And I have had that, I have forgotten what it is. It runs up to 126,000.

Gayla Prather: That is just what you're doing right now is not actually saying how much he's going to make, it's just that we have to agree to pay at least 95% of what the IDOT says we have to pay him in order to get reimbursement.

Matt Barnett: Yes your just agreeing to pay ½ the salary in order for the State to pay the other half.

Kevin Weston made a motion that we agree to pay 100% of what Illinois recommends as our county engineer salary. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2023-15.

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated. Congratulations Matt. Look forward to today's ahead and we appreciate having you guys and what you do out there. You're a good reflection on us for the way you taking care of the roads. Appreciate it.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller that a closed session is necessary.

Curtis Overton made a motion at 6:06 p.m. to go into closed session. Angela Evan seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Curtis Overton made a motion to return to open meeting at 6:42 pm. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Kevin Weston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Kevin Wilson
County Clerk and Recorder