

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Oct 21, 2024

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

Also in attendance were Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager; Kyle Bacon, County Sheriff; Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interested parties.

**PLEDGE**

Ray Minor lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked if there is anyone who wants to make public comments? No comments at this time.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2024 Special County Board Meeting and September 16, 2024 Regular County Board Meeting. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLAIMS**

Ray Minor made a motion to pay the claims on file. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**2025 COUNTY CALENDAR - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the 2025 County Calendar.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the 2025 County Calendar as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said 2025 County Calendar is made a part of these minutes.

**PURCHASE TECH 84 -  
BODY SCANNING  
EQUIPMENT - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Purchase of the Tech 84 Body Scanning Equipment. The purchase is \$141,500. The Sheriff's Technology Grant is paying \$20,000 of that, Opioid abatement is paying \$90,500 and ARPA is \$31,000 for a total a hundred forty-one five hundred.

John Gossett made a motion to accept the purchase of the Tech 84 Body Scanning Equipment as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said information is made a part of these minutes.

**DELINQUENT TAX  
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.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2024-35 and 2024-36.

**ELECTION JUDGE WAGE  
- AGREEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the agreement for Election Judge's wages. Kevin Wilson presented an agreement for election judges wages to increase from \$150.00 to \$200.00 plus if any judge attended Judges School then they will receive an additional \$25.00 for a total of \$225.00 and he asked for approval. Angela Evans made a motion to approve the increase in judge's wages as presented. Curtis Overton

seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2024-20.

**PUBLIC AGENCY FORMAL  
CONTRACT & BOND FOR  
A BRIDGE IN EWING  
TOWNSHIP**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Local Public Agency Formal Contract and contract incorporated \$179,745 for a bridge on Willis Road in Ewing Township, section number 21-07131-00-BR.

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

Said contract is made a part of these minutes.

**PUBLIC AGENCY  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
AGREEMENT FOR RR  
CROSSINGS IN SIX  
MILE TOWNSHIP**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Hutchison Engineering Inc from Carbondale, for Section 24-11133-00-FL for three at-grade crossings with Union Pacific Railroad near Royaltown in Six Mile Township.

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve this agreement as presented. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2024-21.

**TECH ELECTRONICS (2)  
FIRE SYSTEM - PAY  
WITH 1%**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Tech Electronics from St. Louis, Missouri and he presented two invoices. The first invoice was dated September 26, 2024, total amount due is \$2,255.00 and the second invoice is dated October 2, 2024 total amount due is \$1,332.50 for service on two system signals that there has been a problem with. Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that we're going to pay that with the money from the 1% fund because it was, I guess an issue with the building itself.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the Tech Electronics invoices. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said invoices are made a part of these minutes.

**HILL CITY WATER - 1  
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Hill City Water District. Chairman J. Larry Miller presented a letter from Hill City Water District Chairman Paul Leffler requesting for Jim Duff to be appointed to replace Aaron Webb's unexpired term ending April 30, 2028, who has resigned.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the appointment of Jim Duff to the Hill City Water District Board as presented. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letters are made a part of these minutes.

**COUNTY CLERK,  
SHERIFF & CORONER  
MONTHLY REPORTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the September, 2024 monthly reports from the County Clerk, Sheriff and Coroner reports.

Curtis Overton made motion to approve the reports as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is a closed session and he stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Brad Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Evans 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