

October 7, 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) - Arrived 5:06

**County Offices**

- Amos Abbott, Director 911
- Kyle Bacon, Sheriff - Arrived 5:02
- Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA 5:21 (Phone)
- Abigail Dinn
- Darla Fitzgerald, 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)... Dwayne Williams, Steve Vercellino, and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by County 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 9/30/2024 the Beginning Balance is \$9,611,395, estimated ending (minus new claims and 10-11-2024 payroll) for 10/18/2024 will be estimated to be \$8,936,763.
- Claims Docket is also included.
- The total report can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 10-07-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Has been working on the 2024-2025 budget. Probably won't have a large surplus as we had at first thought we would. Will continue to clean up different items.
- Discussion followed concerning the budget.
- County Board Chairman Larry Miller then asked about the audit and mentioned we will now have to be looking for another auditor. The problems within the Audit were then discussed.
- Vercellino brought up how contingency has been handled in the past and would like to change that and make it clearer.
- County Board Member Brad Wilson brought up the problem with just writing off the money in the JDC that the state owes the county for reimbursement of the employees' salaries at that facility.
- County Board Member John Gosset updated the board as to the part-time employees now making minimum wage.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM  
Minutes submitted 10/17/2024  
Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee

October 21, 2024

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- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ( ) Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk arrived 5:45PM

Guests (and subject of those stating public comments)... Lynn Heins (Uof I Extension Budget,), Maggie Hunt (Uof I Extension Budget,), Henry Meinert(Uof I Extension Budget,), Kelsi Ham (Sign Inc) Nicki Sollars (Watchfire), Steve Vercellino, Cindy Bauman and other interested parties that attended.

Judge Morgan, Kelsi Ham and Nicki Sollars were at the meeting to discuss a grant that has become available to provide electric signage for court facilities within the circuit. If the board will decide the signage would be a good advantage for the county, it will take 6-8- weeks to get it. The County will be paying the electricity to run the sign that is estimated to be very low. The Board then went outside to see what the board will look like.

The meeting was called to order at 5:28 by 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 10/21/2024 the Beginning Balance is \$9,022,995, estimated ending minus new claims for 10/31/2024 will be around to be \$9,169,691.
- Claims Docket is also included.
- The total report and other reports can be seen on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 10-21-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- County Board Chairman Larry Miller then mentioned the audit and told the board that he has reached out to another auditor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM

Minutes submitted 10/31/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee