

DATE: October 7, 2024

PUBLIC SAFETY
(Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control,
Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services, Animal Control)
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:

- (x) John Gossett – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Neil Hargis - EMA
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- () Ray Minor – 911/Emergency Services
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) David Bartoni
- (x) Kevin Weston
- (x) Brad Wilson – Juvenile Detention Center Arrived at 5:06

County Offices

- () Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff - Arrived 5:02
- (x) Matt Barnett, County Engineer
- (x) Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA 5:21 (Phone)
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
- () Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager
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- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
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- (x) 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 5:39 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...

- Handed out his September report, The total report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10-07-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Has only received 1 resume for the spot that will be open in the reception area of his office due to an upcoming retirement.
- The Pathologist has been talking to other counties about coming to Franklin County and he has received positive response.
- He explained that to be a pathologist, it is 14 years of school and internship before he ever receives a paycheck for it.
- Mentioned to the Board that they might want to remove a couple of trees that are rubbing on the roof at the new facility.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon ...

- Gave his monthly Sheriff's Report for September. The total report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10-07-2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting Attachment 2.
- The report also included a report of a shooting on September 5th, 2025.
- Funding that can be used for the purchase of a TEK84 is included in the report.
- Also, mail is not given directly to the inmates. The mail is opened by a third party and can then be viewed.

EMA Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Update on agency activities.
- Also updated the progress at the EOC.

Chairman Gossett brought up the concern of having ARPA funding that hasn't been allocated for a project. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM

Minutes submitted 10/17 /2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee

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- (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 5:47 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...

- Bernice, his office worker is still working.
- The lady that had sent in the resume will be coming in a few days a week for Bernie to explain the job and for the to decide if she would be good with the type of office it is.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon ...

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Board Chairman Larry Miller mentioned an appointment that is on the following agenda. – Hill City Water District

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM

Minutes submitted 10/31 /2024

John Gossett, Chairman – Public Safety Committee