

DATE: October 7, 2024

**TRANSPORTATION  
(Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds)  
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) Kevin Weston – Chairman, Courthouse Construction
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett
- (x) Neil Hargis
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman
- (x) Curtis Overton
- ( ) Ray Minor
- (x ) David Bartoni
- (x ) Brad Wilson Arrived 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
- ( ) Monica Urban, Probation
- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- ( ) Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- (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 5:33 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Matt Barnett, County Highway Engineer, was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- County painting/stripping started last Friday.
- 1/3 of the roads are done every year, which is around 45 miles of the striping that's done.
- State funds the striping.
- The possibility of raising minimum wage has already been discussed as one of the items the County Highway would like to change in the upcoming union contract. This raise in wages would be for the temporary summer employees to be \$1.00 more than minimum wage.
- County crews are still mowing.
- Mine 21 Road repair should begin next Monday.

Chairman Weston gave his updates...

- Small leak in the JDC was found and it is being checked out.
- City of Benton is still working out of the Campbell Building basement area. Swipe Access cards are being tracked for those who need access
- Pole removal at the Campbell Building should be started between 6-8 weeks.
- Still working with Fire Security Alarm to correct the problem with the phone connection.

The meeting adjourned at 5:39PM

Minutes submitted 10/17/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee

DATE: October 21, 2024

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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 5:44 by Chairman Kevin Weston. See above lists of those attending and the subject of those stating public comments.

Matt Barnett, County Highway Engineer, was asked to present county highway's claims to the board and to give his report...

- He has 2 items on the agenda tonight...Local Public Agency Formal Contract and Contract Bond with Dees, Inc. in the amount of \$179,745 for a bridge on Willis Toad in Ewing Township.
- And Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Hutchison Engineering for Section 24-11133-00-FL for three at-grade railroad crossings in Six Mile Township.
- Work will begin on Mine 21 Road next Monday.

Chairman Weston gave his updates...

- Still waiting to hear about the leak in the JDC that was found.
- All the Bullet resistance is now finished.

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 PM

Minutes submitted 10/31/2024

Kevin Weston, Chairman- Transportation (Road and Bridge) Committee