

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Sep 16, 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

In the attendance of Secretary, Kevin Wilson, Gayla Prather, County Board Office Manager called the roll. Members in attendance were J. Larry Miller, Dave Bartoni, Angela Evans, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, and Kevin Weston. Brad Wilson was absent.

Also in attendance were Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency - by phone; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor 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?

Kurt Pilz:

Good evening. My name's Kurt Pilz. I live in Boone County. I've lived in the state of Illinois for 63 years. I'm a volunteer for an organization called United Sovereign Americans, but I'm not an official spokesperson. Tonight, I'm going to be the first of four presenters on this tonight. And today I come to you as a concerned citizen of the state of Illinois. I am sharing and learning information about our state's voter database, uncovered the thousands of hours of research conducted by our highly qualified and credentialed data team. Today

we will present you with a resolution demanding an end and to the inaccuracy and uncertainty of our elections along with a summary of our findings and the laws that apply, just like your checkbook has to balance. So, most our votes, if we have 10,000 fewer dollars in your bank account, I'm sure you'd want to know why and you certainly would want to know what happened and if the company had that same significant of an error in their books, they would definitely do an audit.

In fact, a lot of public companies require annual audits mandatory. So, our audit of the 2022 election using only official data that was provided by the state election officials, shows that the 2022 election may not have been accurate or legally compliant. And I want to be clear, we're not saying one candidate won over another nor are we saying that any election should be overturned simply that the state's official data from a certified election shows that votes are counted. We're not all valid and accurate under the law.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

You said the votes in this county?

Kurt Pilz:

I'm sorry. No, no this is State of Illinois. I'm sorry. So, no this would not be about Franklin County, itself. So, I present to you today a resolution for a legally valid 2024 general election, whereas it is a recognized civil right in the United States for every citizen to have free and fair elections.

And the right of suffrage could be denied by a dilution of the weight of a citizen's vote just as effectively as by wholly prohibiting the free exercise of the franchise that is referenced from 37 7 US by 33 19 64. Whereas, it is the affirmative duty of our election officials to comply with all federal and state laws governing administration and procedure of our elections, thereby guaranteeing our elections are accurate and free from distortion or manipulation. Congress seeks to guard the election

of members of Congress against any possible unfairness by compelling everyone concerned in holding the election to a strict and scrupulous observance of every duty devolved upon him while still engaged the evil intent, consistent disobedience to the law. And that's in reference of Henry Coy 1 27 US 7 31 of 1888 and part two is next. Thank you very much.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

May I ask a question. Is this relevant to this county?

Kurt Pilz:

If you want, it is relevant to the whole state, including Chicago, which obviously is going to be worse. And if you want more data on your county, what we ask is that you invite our leader people down here to give you more specific information.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

Well, the reason I am asking this, I mean, I don't know what the purpose is? I'm trying to figure out the purpose here. Is that a fair question guys?

Kurt Pilz:

This is a resolution regarding the election of the entire state.

You have to adopt the resolution. Well, we're presenting it.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

I understand. Understand. Okay, I'll let you go ahead.

Brian Jones:

And then we're going to have two more. Right, right. And I'll read as fast as I can so that everybody is good. My name is Brian Jones. I've been a resident of Winnebago County for 64 years. I'm a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans, not an official spokesperson. Whereas our

constitutional system of representative government only works when the worst honest ballots is not diluted and invalid. Ballots procured by corruption and assuring accuracy can only be achieved through those laws governing the following four tenants on an election. (1.) The voter rolls must be accurate. Under National Voter Registration Act of 1993. (2.) votes counted must be from eligible voters US Constitution 14 amendment. (3.) Number of votes counted must equal the number of voters who voted. (4.) There could be no more than one in 125,000 ballots in error by the voting system and that's from the Health of America Vote Act of 2002.

Whereas, an open-source audit of the Illinois 2022 election general election conducted by Illinois State citizens has uncovered evidence of massive inaccuracy that violate both federal and state laws including 4,032,801 ineligible or uncertain registration violations found with Illinois State Voter database. Again, that was 4,032,801 589,985 votes cast by ineligible or uncertain registrations 27,491 more votes counted than voters who voted in the 2022 general election. No one knows who cast them. 589,952 apparent voting violations in excess of the legal standard of system accuracy for valid federal election for the 2022 election. Illinois number was 33, yet we had 589,985. Certification is defined as attestation of accuracy and compliance and appears to have been fraudulent and illegal. Whereas these findings, current accuracy requirements of voting systems for a federal election for a voting system accuracy is defined as the ability to capture record, store, consolidate and report the specific selections in absence of selections made for the voter for each position without error. Thank you. Thanks for seeing us, by the way.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

I was not aware you were going to be here. Okay, gotcha. You understand my question?

Brian Jones:

Sure. No, we like that you guys question us because that's part of what we want because we certainly don't get, no one has ever questioned when you're voting and I wish we did question a few people a little more so we'd have more accuracy.

Joe Bridge:

So, I am Joe Bridge. I've been a citizen of Illinois for 58 years. I currently live up in Taswell County, which is right outside of Peoria. So, I'm a volunteer and not an official spokesperson of United Sovereigns American. Whereas, and I'll start reading really quick, whereas it must be known factually prove, but believe that the intent the voters is accurately represented by election results before a certification can be properly conducted. Certification of an election that varies from the law as an abridgement of the civil rights of the citizens, an issue United States versus Throckmorton 98, US 61 18 78. Whereas Illinois's 2022 general election appears to have been invalid, depriving us of guaranteed protection or of our national rights under the government duly and provably chosen by us, the American people resulting in incalculable damage to our families, our way of life, and the fabric of these United States. Therefore, we call it upon our representatives to provide relief to the people in assurance or domestic tranquility by joining us in demanding a ballot 2024 general election of policies, existing laws in equitable principles of law, one proof of citizenship identity and eligibility to register and vote not anonymous. Attestation two voter roll asserted accurate and available for public review and challenge 30 days before the start of early voting voters added after the date must bring proof of citizenship identity and address in person to a qualified official at each polling place. Three hand marked secure ballots similar to currency where imaging technology is used for tabulation, the security features must be verifiable in the ballot image or system machines. Security

measures infrastructure and conduct are required to be compliant with federal law for fraud prevention. Regarding risk assessment, certification, testing and implementation. Five. The adjudication must be signed off by a party candidate and trained citizen witnesses after being given full and effective observation rights, candidates and trained citizens must be allowed immediate access to ballots, ballot images and CDRs and six ballots. Regardless of entry, source, selection, operations and systems must maintain end to end chain of custody from voter to vote count to final campus, including auditability and witness transferred with paper records. And our final speaker is evidence.

Babe Paukstys:

Hi, my name is Babe, and I'm a lifelong resident of Chicago and Cook County. I'm a volunteer, it's beautiful down here. It's stunning and it was a great day to drive down. I am a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans and not an official spokesperson. Number seven on the compliant, randomized, statistically valid end audit with a 95% confidence level of all elections pursuant to the 14th amendment. Section two must be performed. These audits are to be conducted by qualified insured and bonded security forensics or financial auditors, not personnel from working. The election system reconciliation will include the vote count, real physical ballots, adjudication, CVS, ballot count, qualified voter count, custody transfer, and all other paper and electronic election systems including logs. Number eight. If the total of all unique variances above is more than 10% of the margin of victory, a new election must be held in the state for those candidates affected unless the issues could be provably corrected by a manual hand recount and a full review of records. Number nine, waiver of requirements is not allowed. Only end-to-End system compliance from registration through certification can guarantee the intent of the people is accurately recorded. This concludes our powerfully written revolution outlining in our

2022 election from registration through certification. In it you heard us ask for meaningful remedies to be provided to proactively protect the validity of the 2024 general elections. In fact, the resolution cited many US Supreme Court precedents that support the need for such actions. Laws are being ignored. Bottom line, the checkbook is not balancing and we need certainty. The voter system which controls our most vitally important, right? The right of is not capable of producing an accurate, trustworthy result. Do you think that these anomalies within our election system, which are part of our national security infrastructure, should continue to be ignored? How much is it costing us not to fix the problem? The cost is immeasurable. So, I urge you to invite us back and put us on your agenda if that process requires it to pass our website showcasing our initiatives nationwide in over 24 states across the United States is unite for freedom.com. That's unite the number four, freedom.com. I encourage you to check it out and learn more about our group. We appreciate your commitment to the constituents of this county as well as the time and attention you have given us today. And I have hard copies of the resolution along with the scorecard. So, there's two copies of, that's what we read, that resolution down here, that present, we have already presented to in the vicinity of 40 counties in the state, which covers over 80% of the voting population. So, we decided that we wanted to come down and share this information with some of these much further Souths. So yes, we have presented to some in central Illinois and you are our first foray, it's pretty far south Illinois.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

You said you have 40 counties that have adopted this?

Babe Paukstys:

No, no, no. We've presented to approximately 40 counties, I did not say they adopted it. Okay. 80% of that covers of the voters in Illinois. The county that you've already presented to basically take up approximately 80% of the voters in the state. So, it is Cook County. We presented to the county. But the thing is, is that we really wanted to spread this information around the state and there was no reason to ignore Southern Illinois. So, we decided we were taking a road trip.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

Alright, thank you.

Joe Bridge:

That's data that came from the state of Illinois, that data is Illinois. All the data that was analyzed was provided directly from the state of Illinois. And this has already been presented to the state election officials. So, they're aware Yes, they're aware of those numbers. Yes, they're air, but they basically, they are washing their hands of it. They were notified officially in late December and they responded I sometime in March. And the response was that that's not their fault. Passing the buck back. They refused to put our data, thumb drives, in their machines, saying that it would harm their computers. That's one of the things they said.

Chairman J. Larry Miller:

Thank you so much.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 19, 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. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.



**FRANKLIN-WILLIAMSON  
BI-COUNTY HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT ANNUAL  
TAX LEVY -  
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for the annual Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department Annual Tax Levy for fiscal year beginning December 1, 2024 and ending November 30, 2025 and he explained the dollar amounts are provided by the Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department. This is an annual thing that we do. Bi-County Health Department develop the budget and then they therefore allow us to adopt a levy for them. Common practice in years past.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the annual tax levy as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2024-33.

**AWARDING OF CONTRACT  
FOR WILLIS ROAD IN  
EWING TOWNSHIP -  
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution in the awarding of contract for TR 119 Willis Road, Section 21-07131-00-BR Ewing Township to Dees, Inc from West Frankfort for \$179,745.

Angela Evans made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2024-34.

**CONTRACT & BOND FOR  
WILLIS ROAD IN EWING  
TOWNSHIP - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the contract and bonds for TR 119 Willis Road will need to be tabled at this time because no bond has been sent to Matt Barnett, County Engineer.

**MOVE POLE FROM  
CAMPBELL BUILDING  
PARKING AREA -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of removing the pole in the Campbell Building Parking Area. Curtis Overton presented a letter of intent from Frontier to the County Board stating that the removing of the pole along with the strand and placing a new pole on the opposite side of the alley with a new strand will cost the County \$5,050.42.

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve the removal of the pole along with the strand as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter of intent is made a part of these minutes.

**ABSTRACT WORKSHOP  
FOR SUPERVISOR OF  
ASSESSMENTS -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a abstract workshop for Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments requesting reimbursement for mileage, meals and costs. Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments presented a letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue confirming the registration for a one day class on October 30, 2024 in Springfield, Illinois.

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

Said letter from the Department of Revenue is made a part of these minutes.

**NEW INGRESS & EGRESS  
EASEMENT FOR STEVE  
HEYDER AT WEST  
FRANKFORT LAKE -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a new ingress & egress easement for Steve Heyder at West Frankfort Lake.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the easement. Angela Evans seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said easement is made a part of these minutes.

**HIRE ASSESSOR FOR  
THREE MONTHS -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to hire an assessor, Jason Heimann for three months at a total of \$20,000.00 to help with the township assessors.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the hiring of an assessor. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Neil Hargis voted no.

**2025 HOLIDAY  
SCHEDULE - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the 2025 Holiday Schedule and the Administrative Order approved by the Circuit Judges of the Second Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois.

Angela Evans made a motion to accept the holiday schedule as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said 2025 Holiday Schedule and Administrative Order are made a part of these minutes.

**DRAINAGE PIPE AT  
ANIMAL CONTROL -  
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the drainage pipe at the Animal Control. Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that everyone has those bids to review and approve. Middle Fork Creek Excavating Company's from Benton was the low bid at \$9,235, to put the drainage line in and run it to a lower elevation to put the water away from the building.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the drainage pipe for the Animal Control. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Neil Hargis voted no.

Said bid is 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 August, 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.

**ROE - FY24 ANNUAL  
REPORT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the ROE (Regional Office of Education) FY 24 Annual report.

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

Said report is 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. John Gossett 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



Gayla Prather  
County Board Office Manager