

September 3, 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:

- (x) Ray Minor – Chairman
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett - Labor Negotiations (Sheriff's Office)
- (x) Neil Hargis – Labor Negotiations (Clerical)
- (x) Larry Miller – County Board Chairman, Economic Development
- (x) Curtis Overton
- (x) David Bartoni
- (x) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- (x) Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

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- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- (x) Bobbie Williams, Animal Control Supervisor
- (x) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (and subject of those stating public comments)...Donnie Miklos, Steve Vercellino, and other interested parties that attended. No Public Comments.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 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...

- Beginning Balance as 8/19/2024 is \$8,178,782. ARPA balance is \$4,458,385.58, not much change from last month. Estimated ARPA after EOC is completed will be \$658,440.58.
- The total report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 9-3-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Payment for the County's share for the lighting on the Courthouse has been submitted.
- Still waiting for a few departments that have not submitted their proposed budgets.

Chairman Larry Miller...

- Mentioned the "Bed Tax"
- Darby Beasley (Tourism) had mentioned to him about the need to raise the Bed Tax.
- This tax will affect those staying in hotels, motels, and Air BNB's.
- Williamson County and Jefferson County both have higher bed tax than we do.
- Steve Vercellino, Rend Lake Area Tourism Council President also sees the need for this change.
- Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11PM

Minutes submitted 09/12/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee

September 16, 2024

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Guests (and subject of those stating public comments)...Tami Price, Steve Vercellino, John Aaron Gulley(Bid Muddy Real Estate Investment Company) and other interested parties that attended.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 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...

- 69.15% of the FY24 General Fund 01 expense budget has been spent as of 08/31/24.

- As of 9/16/2024 the ARPA balance (Fund 754) is at \$4,467,645.29.
- 9/16/2024 Claims Docket is also included.
- The total report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 9-16-2024 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Chairman Larry Miller asked about the JDC info on the report. Vercellino responded that it is now in Fund 01. Miller said he appreciates the new version of Vercellino's report.
- Vercellino will be sending a distribution possibly next week.
- Board Member John Gossett asked Vercellino about the banks that the county is using. Discussion followed.

Supervisor of Assessments Cindy Miklos told the board that she has 2 items on the following County Board Meeting Agenda....

- Item 1, Explained to the board about her request for travel to Abstract Workshop for Supervisor of Assessments.
- She will be going over her travel budget and the meeting she is requesting to attend will be very important for her position.
- Reimbursement included in her request will cover mileage and meals for the day.
- Item 2, Then explained the request for approval of a new ingress and egress Easement for Steve Heyder property. Discussion followed.

Lorie LeQuatte, ROE 21 Regional Superintendent, submitted her Annual Report 2024 – Taking Steps Toward Tomorrow includes...

- S.T.A.R Quest Academy/Echo Alternative School
- The K.I.D.S Foundation/Coats for Kids
- Bus Driver Training/Fingerprinting
- Professional Development
- High School Career Fair/Brain Games/Seniors Plus/ Spelling Bee
- And more information can be found on . https://www.roe21.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/booklet-Page_01-scaled.jpg

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir explained about a program In-Lingo...

- About a year ago The State Administrative Office required his office to provide interpretation through a program named In-Lingo for those who need it while in Zoom Court.
- The state freely provided In-Lingo for the county court system with good and timely results.
- The need for interpreters has risen from approximately 4/a year and now up to 6/a month.
- The State will no longer be providing the service for free. Cost of the In-Lingo interpreter service is \$120/hour.
- At one time local residents that could speak a second language were used for those who needed an interpreter.
- Interpreters now also have to be certified through the state and there is quite a fee to become certified.
- He was unaware of this until last Friday
- Board Member John Gossett asked Muir to put some figures together with the hours that would have been needed for interpreters the past year. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM

Minutes submitted 10/03/2024

Ray Minor, Chairman - Finance Committee