

September 5, 2023

**FINANCE,
(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)
DECEMBER 2022 THRU NOVEMBER 2023
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) Jack Warren – Labor Negotiations (Animal Control)
- (x) Kevin Weston – Labor Negotiations (County Highway)
- (x) Brad Wilson – Labor Negotiations (Juvenile Detention Center)

County Offices

- () Amos Abbott, Director 911
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- () Ryan Buckingham, Director EMA
- () Abigail Dinn
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- () Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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- () LaVonda Porter, JDC Superintendent
- (x) Gayla Prather, County Board Adm. Assist.
- () Mike Rolla, County Engineer
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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Guests... Darrell Ellis (Executive Orders), Tom Carter (Questions on Relocation in Campbell Building), David Restivo (TNR), Rocky Morris (Forensic Audit comments), Paul Tart (TAT – Sept is National Recovery Month), Heather Carroll, Myra L. Ellis, William McPherson, Dwayne Williams and other interested parties.

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present.
Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Beginning balance as of 9/05/2023 is \$8,085,494. ARPA balance is \$4,909,886.52, cashflow without ARPA is \$3,175,607.19. The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 9-5-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Reported to the Board that at this time, tax collection thru the mail is currently over 1m and total collection is currently over 4m.
- Question was asked concerning the general fund and Vercellino explained to the board that tax money is not in general fund account
- Question was asked about how often deposits were taken to the bank and response to that was once or twice each week.

Circuit Clerk Jim Muir gave another update on the process of the older files that have been removed from the storage building...

- He would like to continue scanning during 2024.
- He has made his first payment on shelving to be put in the Courthouse basement. The payment would be 25% of his agreed amount to be made on this project from the Franklin County Circuit Clerk Operation Fund. He will also pay the second payment to complete his 50% on the project.
- Described a "Historic Gem" that has been found during the scanning. Several files from Charlie Berger Trial have been found.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller...

- Responded on the above by commenting on possible putting extra funding into the budget line that would cover this scanning project for the Circuit Clerk.
- Explained the Resolution for Bi-County would need to be on the next September 18th agenda.
- U of I Extension also submitted their FY25 proposed budget to the county.
- 2022 Audit was presented to the county and will be on the next September 18th agenda to be approved.
- County Board Member Brad Wilson commented that he thought there were several reoccurring findings on the 2022 Audit. He also mentioned that we will be needing to look for another company for our annual audits.
- Treasurer Vercellino commented that he realizes he could be more considerate of the Board's needs.
- County Board Member John Gossett mentioned several areas that needed to be corrected and/or improved in the Treasurer's office.
- Gossett pointed out...
 1. Had to push treasurer to use interest bearing accounts for eligible funds.
 2. Was upset about the extra payment made on the Courthouse at this time, and that payment was made without approval by the board.
 3. Considerably late on information for county audits.
 4. Mentioned ways to correct these problems.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM

Minutes submitted 9/14/2023

Ray Minor - Finance Committee

September 18, 2023

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Guests... Greg Garner (Archimages), Pamela Boyd (SCT), Rita Blissenbach, Heather Morse, Justin Turnbough, Steve Vercellino, Tom Carter, Rocky Morris, Dwayne Williams and other interested parties.

No public comments were made.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 by Chairman Ray Minor. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

County claims were submitted and were approved and signed by all members present.

Treasurer, Steve Vercellino then gave his report...

- Beginning balance as of 9/18/2023 is \$7,110,710. ARPA balance is \$4,928,440.45, cashflow without ARPA is \$2,182,269.91. The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 9-18-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 1.
- Reported to the Board that at this time, Real Estate Tax collection is currently around 10M.

County Board Chairman Larry Miller commented on the fact that ARPA monies would need to be dedicated by the end of the 2024 year.

South Central Transport (SCT) appointee for Franklin County to the SCT board Pam Boyd submitted a report on the services provided...

- The report included new transportation including a hub in Jefferson County which would include areas not currently included.
- SCT is looking into electric buses.
- The complete report can be seen on www.franklincountyil.gov as 9-18-2023 Finance Committee Meeting Attachment 2.

Auditor Sarah Kary, with Rice Sullivan, LLC was on a phone call (due to Covid reasons) to give her report to the Board...

- Due to the amount of grant money, a single audit was preformed for the 2022 Audit.
- General Fund increased 1.2M

The audit is on the 9-18-2023 County Board Agenda to be approved during the following County Board Meeting and can be seen in its' entirety on www.franklincountyil.gov

Supervisor of Assessment Cindy Miklos explained an easement between Morhet to Knickmeyer that will be on the 9-18-2023 County Board Agenda to be approved during the following County Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

Minutes submitted 9/28/2023

Ray Minor - Finance Committee