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County Board Report

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- **911 Server Integration** – The 911 Office, assisted by OEMC's Deputy Director of Strategic Operations Gary Little completed a server transition on 5/28/2025. This accomplished a virtual consolidation of the 911 system. Now Franklin County & West Frankfort are operating under the same server which enhances collaboration for the handling of emergencies.
- **Building Progress** – Electrical shutdown/service upgrade was completed last week. Special thanks to Sheriff Bacon and his team for working with us to ensure a smooth transition. The new generator will power both facilities in an emergency. Portions of the FCSO facility were left off generator power in the past. Flooring and other finishing items are scheduled to begin soon. Parking lot construction has begun. The \$200,000 in grant funds have been received and will cover the expenses for inside furnishings. We are in the process of purchases currently.
- **OEMC App** - The OEMC will be launching a new phone App later this year. The app will allow citizens to connect to our emergency communications center and report non-emergency issues and concerns. The app will open a path of communication between the OEMC and the community for a variety of emergency management & communications related topics. The OEMC plans to phase out Nixle service once the App is up and running effectively.
- **Field Operations** – Personnel have responded to 7 incidents in the month of May. Field OPS deployed a variety of our assets including our command post, unmanned aircraft, generators, and UTV. Personnel were deployed to assist Williamson County for several days after an EF-4 tornado cut through the county. Personnel from the Director's Office and Field Operations were deployed to assist with a variety of issues.
- **Public Events** – Personnel participated in a variety of public events and appearances. OEMC non-compensated (volunteer) staff served 129.75 hours of time on duty.