

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
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Date: August 4, 2025

FINANCE,

**(Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism,
Supervisor of Assessments/Mapping, Economic Development)**

**DECEMBER 2024 THRU NOVEMBER 2025
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) John Gossett
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) Dave Bartoni – Public Safety
- (x) Kevin Weston
- () Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Brad Wilson – Finance
- (x) Curtis Overton – Transportation
- (x) Larry Miller
- (x) Ray Minor

County Offices

- () Amos Abbott, Director 911
- () Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
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- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino, Rocky Morris, Tom Carter, Pam Boyd, Daniel Riegel, James Biggs.

Tom Carter voiced his concerns with not enough public comment minutes being given. He also voiced concern with 1% and when that would be dissolved.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 PM by Chairman Kevin Weston in absence of Finance Chairman Brad Wilson. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

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

Franklin County Treasurer Steve Vercellino explained the county claims and reported on the county finances...

- Beginning balance as of 07/31/2025 is \$6,804,797.00. Estimated ending of 08/15/2025 is \$5,892,103.
- The full report can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/4/2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.
- Chairman Larry Miller asked what total cost of EOMC was and Treasurer Steve Vercillino said he would gather that information to give out.
- Property taxes have been mailed out and collection has started. There is a part time employee in the Treasurers office to help with the influx of patrons.
- Budget reports were set out for FY26, August 18th is the projected deadline for those.
- Bi-County levy was reviewed; questions arose about why IMRF was a higher amount vs. salaries. Chairman Kevin Weston stated he would find out these answers. To view the document, go to www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/4/25 Finance Meeting Attachment 2.
- Daniel Reigel came to speak about PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) which is an innovative financial tool that enables commercial property owners to fund energy efficient, renewable energy, and resiliency improvements through private capital... To view more information on this program, go to www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/4/2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 3. Discussion followed...
- Supervisor of Assessments' Cindy Miklos had a few things to report. Final fee for assessor to charge for unreported changes is \$369.90.
- There is a full-time employee in her office that is dealing with health issues leaving her staff overrun with patrons during tax season, she requests a temporary part time to get through the rest of the year while her employee recoups.
- She is asking for the board to come to a decision on security for her office. All the other office has service windows and she would like one too. Patrons are coming up behind them at their

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desks and hovering, she believes this is the main cause of the constant sickness in her office staff.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM
Minutes submitted 8/4/2025
Brad Wilson - Finance Committee

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Tom Carter came to speak upon the issue of Part Time workers at the Campbell building that have worked over the allotted hours and should be paying into IMRF but are not. He would like to know if these employees are temporary, seasonal or part time.

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by Finance Chairman Brad Wilson. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

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

Franklin County Treasurer Steve Vercellino explained the county claims and reported on the county finances...

- Beginning balance as of 08/15/2025 is \$5,310,312.00. Estimated ending of 08/31/2025 is \$4,995,658.
- The full report can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/18/2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.
- Chairman Larry Miller questions Treasurer Vercellino on the balance of ARPA funds. Vercellino was unable to give an exact amount but said he could get that information to him the following day. He thinks we have accrued around 600,000 in interest but unsure of exact amount. Discussion followed...
- Lorie LeQuatte from ROE came to give annual report. The full report can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/18/2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 2.
- HSG Mechanical is coming to do their preventative maintenance. This is something we have 4 times per year. They charge \$6,000 for the year and this includes all the filter changes and cleaning they will do on the air conditioning units. To view the bid placed by HSG Mechanical it can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/18/2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 3.
- Circuit Clerk Jim Muir asked about the audit and if it was done. Treasurer Vercellino says that the auditor has all the number she needs to complete that part of it but he still has some pieces to give her to be finished. This is something he plans to work on this week.

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 PM
Minutes submitted 8/18/2025
Brad Wilson - Finance Committee