

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD
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August 4, 2025

TRANSPORTATION
(Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds,)
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.

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- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett - EMA
- (x) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Larry Miller
- () Ray Minor
- (x) Curtis Overton -Transportation
- (x) Kevin Weston
- () Brad Wilson – Finance

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- () Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
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- () Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
- () Darla Fitzgerrell, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
- (x) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE
- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- () Judge Melissa Morgan
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Guests (Topic of Comment) Steve Vercellino, Rocky Morris, Tom Carter, Pam Boyd, Daniel Riegel, James Biggs.

The meeting was called to order at 5:50PM by Chairman, Curtis Overton. See above list of those attending and also those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Matt Barnett/County Highway Engineer was asked to present county highways claims to the board to give his report...

- Oil & Chip project is finished.
- Highway workers are mowing and ditching as much as possible.
- Freeman Spur blacktop resurfacing project is about to start.

Chairman Overton gave his report...

- Justice Center parking lot will be voted on at next board meeting August 18, 2025

Pam Boyd from SCT discussed route changes in our county due to usage. 6 counties total are using SCT. Full report can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 8/4/2025 Transportation Meeting Attachment 1.

Solar Ordinance will be voted on at next Board meeting August 18, 2025

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.
Minutes submitted 08/4/2025
Curtis Overton – Transportation Committee**

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Matt Barnett/County Highway Engineer was asked to present county highways claims to the board to give his report...

- Resurfacing job will soon begin on Freeman Spur Road
- Maintenance crew is working on dirt to widen Peach Orchard Road and Yellowbanks.

Chairman Overton gave his report...

- OEMC will soon be opening and we will need to hire another full-time person to accommodate the extra building for janitorial services.
- Parking lot at the Justice Center is to be vote on tonight for Sesser Pave & Seal to resurface and stripe.
- States Attorney/Justice Center will need new carpet and vinyl flooring at some point. He will get a professional to come clean the existing carpet until we can get some bids on doing that job at a later time.
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Cindy Miklos expressed her frustration with security at the Campbell building and her office being on the backburner and not being a priority to the board. She feels that in order for her and her staff to feel safe it should be a priority.

Chairman Kevin Weston talked about the OEMC and that staff will move from the EMA building to the new OEMC building the first week of October. They are planning an open house in late December for the public.

Emma Walcott from Heelstone Renewable Energy LLC came to talk about the 270-acre solar farm going to be put in Franklin County. Construction should begin in the Summer 2026 and finish in Spring 2027.

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