

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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DATE: June 2, 2025

## PUBLIC SAFETY

(Sheriff's Office, EMA, Animal Control,  
Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911/Emergency Services,)  
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
- (x) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Brad Wilson – Finance
- (x) Curtis Overton – Transportation
- (x) Larry Miller
- (~~) Ray Minor~~

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- (~~) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE~~
- (~~) Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments~~
- (~~) Judge Melissa Morgan~~
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino, Mark Franklin

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The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Sheriff Kyle Bacon was not present but provided financial and patrol report. The full report can be viewed on [www.franklincountyl.gov](http://www.franklincountyl.gov) as 6-2-2025 Public Safety Committee Attachment 1.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- He have his report for the month of May, this can viewed on [www.franklincountyl.gov](http://www.franklincountyl.gov) as 6-2-2025 Public Safety Committee Attachment 2.
- Totally of 8 counties using our facilities now.
- Death Certificate Surcharge Grant was used to buy body bags and other items needed for daily use at the facility.
- Board members asked questions about fees for use of our facility. Discussion followed...

OEMC Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Report was given by Direct Buckingham and can be viewed at [www.franklincountyl.gov](http://www.franklincountyl.gov) as 6-2-2025 Public Safety Committee Attachment 3.
- Updated board that he is monitoring ambulance service closely.
- On 5/28/2025 there was a server transition to collaboration Franklin County & West Frankfort. Both facilities are now operating under the same server.
- Electrical work was completely last week at the OEMC to have both facilities run on the same generator if there was a power outage. Flooring & other finishings will begin soon. Inside furnishings are being purchased currently now that the DCEO grant funds are in.
- NIXL app will phase out something year after OEMC app is laughed and running effectively. The app will allow citizen to connect to our emergency communications center and report non-emergency issues and concerns.
- Personnel have responded to 7 incidents in the month of May. Several days were to help with the EF-4 tornado in Williamson County.
- Director Buckingham asked for verbal confirmation that when the transition of management happens with dispatchers that all benefits/salary/seniority will stay as is. The board agreed no one would lose anything they have earned in their time with the county.

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Tony Skobel Animal Control...

- Interviews are still in progress for Animal Control Supervisor; he has narrowed it down. Chairman Neil Hargis will conduct final interviews for a decision to be made at the next meeting.
- Still looking for someone to remove the tile in the Animal Control facility so that new floors can be done. All fans in the dog kennels have been fixed and are working properly. New Equipment has been bought to replace old equipment.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM**

**Minutes submitted 06/2/2025**

**David Bartoni**

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Sheriff Kyle Bacon...

- Cellbrite annual subscription is due in the amount of \$9,100. Previously this was paid with the Opioid fund. SA Dinn and Sheriff believe it should be paid with these funds again this year.
- School Resource Officers are going into their 4<sup>th</sup> year. This year five school districts ill reimburse 120 hours per week which will cover hourly wages for the three Resource Officers working in the program.
- Juvenile Housing in St. Clair County is more expensive than other counties. After looking into this further Mississippi County in Missouri is cheaper and their medical services are also better. Mississippi County will be the #1 choice from now on.
- Boilers need replaced in the jail, currently getting quotes on pricing for this.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- No report to give.

EOMC Director Ryan Buckingham was no present. Vice Chairman Kevin Weston updates us that OEMC building should be done in about 2 weeks. Furniture is starting to come in. They have been fighting rain with the parking lot but will continue working on it as much as they can.

**The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM**  
**Minutes submitted 06/16/2025**  
**David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee**