

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Date: December 1, 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
- ~~() 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~~

County Offices

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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
- ~~() Ryan Buckingham, Director OEMC~~
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- ~~() Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services~~
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- ~~() Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments~~
- ~~() Judge Melissa Morgan~~
- (x) Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Rocky Morris, Tom Carter

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Public Comment: Rocky Morris readdressed his concerns with the Rend Lake Area Tourism Council and the spending concerning bed tax.

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 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.

Finance Chairman Brad Wilson brings up Tourism again and his concerns regarding the 2025 bank statements. There are expenses that are not appropriate.

Board member John Gossett states he would like to stop the bed tax going to Tourism and that we take their office space away. Discussion followed...

Franklin County Treasurer Steve Vercellino reported on the county finances...

- Today starts new fiscal year so claims are minimal.
- Tax appeal check was written and hand delivered.
- Sheriff Department clothing allowance checks will be on December 12th payroll.
- Report can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-1-2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.

Board member Larry Miller would like to know when end of the year report will be finished. Vercellino states that he plans to have it ready for the December 15, 2025 board meeting.

Board member Brad Wilson suggests idea of making quarterly magazine to send out for tourism that will have positive county highlights. Discussion followed...

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM

Minutes submitted 12/1/2025

Brad Wilson- Finance Chairman

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Franklin County Treasurer Steve Vercellino reported on the county finances...

- Beginning Balance \$7,202,712
- Estimated Ending Balance 12/31/2025 \$7,145,858
- Report can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-15-2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.
- Abatement Ordinance in on today's board agenda for the Juvenile Detention. This can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-15-2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 2.
- VAC Levy is on tonight's agenda as well. Levy is for \$126,000. This will be the first time they have a levy of their own. If next year they want more levied they must go to the public to request more.

Board member Larry Miller would like to know if the Coal Mine has paid their taxes yet. Treasurer Vercellino says they haven't.

Board member Larry also mentions township assessor's and some phone calls that he has received. He believes that they are not fulfilling their duties as assessor's. Discussion followed...

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 PM
Minutes submitted 12/15/2025
Brad Wilson- Finance Chairman