

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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DATE: December 1, 2025

PUBLIC SAFETY

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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) Larry Miller
- (x) Curtis Overton -Transportation
- (x) Brad Wilson –Finance
- (x) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Kevin Weston
- (x) David Bartoni – Public Safety
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- ~~()~~ Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
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The meeting was called to order at 5:51 PM by David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Sherriff Kyle Bacon...

- Year to date revenue/reimbursement: \$738,050.93
- Total budget is 3.8 million
- Went over budget 4% due to hiring dispatchers for the new OEMC
- Report can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-1-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 1.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Report can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-1-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 2.

Animal Control Supervisor Alexis St George...

- Ordering one unit of cat kennels (that's all they can afford at the moment) Department of Ag suggested they do a 7-day freeze on taking in cats and to administer vaccines to all cats in their possession so that they can get the feline virus out of their kennel and start taking in new cats daily as they use to.
- Suggested including vet fee with adoption fee in hopes to have more pets adopted out of their facility.
- Raising community rates needs to be reviewed.
- Report was given and can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-1-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 3.

Chairman Neil Hargis discusses letter that will be sent out to Office Holders and Elected Officials about budgets for the following year. He stresses how important it is we are very strategic with spending and if a department goes over, they will need to come before the board to explain.

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM
Minutes submitted 12/1/2025
Dave Bartoni – Public Safety Committee

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Sherriff Kyle Bacon...

- Security Alarm did they annual testing this week.
- No report given.

Animal Control Supervisor Alexis St George...

- Report was given and can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 12-15-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 1.
- Board member Curtis Overton asks about hours and if someone is staying later in the day to get calls. Supervisor Alexis states that everyone works 7-3 but they take calls after hours as well. She does not see the need to change hours/shifts.

Chairman Neil Hargis discusses appointments for tonight. They are all reappointments.

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM
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