

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Date: November 3, 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
- (x) 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~~
- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
- ~~( ) Ryan Buckingham, Director OEMC~~
- ~~( ) Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney~~
- ~~( ) Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services~~
- ~~( ) Marty Leffler, Coroner~~
- ~~( ) Lorie LeQuatte, ROE~~
- ~~( ) Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments~~
- ~~( ) Judge Melissa Morgan~~
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino Sr, Rocky Morris, Mark Franklin, Aaron Price, Dennis Mitchell, Mark Adkins

Public Comment: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 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 reported on the county finances...

- Left of budget for this year: \$651,586.25
- Treasurers report can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) titled 11-3-2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.
- Budget discussions ongoing.

Finance Chairman Brad Wilson is asking if the tax appeal refund check for \$10,000 has been issued yet. Treasurer Steve Vercellino states that it hasn't been and he plans to try and he still is planning to have this done by the end of the month. Discussion followed...

Treasurer Vercellino states that if the board approves to remove negative balance accounts, he will move forward in doing so.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM  
Minutes submitted 11/3/2025  
Brad Wilson- Finance Chairman

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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino Sr, Rocky Morris, Tom Carter

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Public Comment: None

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

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

- County bank balance as of 11/17/2025: \$6.2 million
- Treasurers report can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) titled 11-17-2025 Finance Attachment 1.
- Budget almost finished.
- Courthouse set to be paid off by late spring. In May 2026 we will discuss stopping the 1% to make effective in July.
- Payoff amount for Campbell building is estimated at \$270,000

Finance Chairman Brad Wilson asks again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting if the tax appeal refund check for \$10,000 has been issued yet. Treasurer Steve Vercellino says no it has not, and he has received the letter from the tax payer's attorney stating he has 10 days to write the check. He states he will have it sent within 10 days.  
Discussion followed...

Chairman Neil Hargis wants to move VAC to its own levy instead of being in the corporate levy. Discussion followed...

Lori LeQuatte gave ROE Quarterly Report and it can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) titled 11-17-2025 Finance Attachment 2.

Board member Larry Miller asks questions about Bed Tax and Tourism to Steve Vercellino Sr.  
Discussion followed...

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM  
Minutes submitted 11/17/2025  
Brad Wilson- Finance Chairman