

# FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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DATE: November 3, 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) Ray Minor
- (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
- (x) Angela Evans
- (x) John Gossett

### County Offices:

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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
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- ~~( ) Ryan Buckingham, Director OEMC~~
- ~~( ) Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney~~
- ~~( ) Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services~~
- ~~( ) Marty Leffler, Coroner~~
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino Sr., Rocky Morris, Aaron Price, Mark Franklin, Mark Atkins, Dennis Mitchell

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 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...

- Report can be viewed on [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11/3/2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 1.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Absent & No report given

Animal Control Supervisor Alexis St George...

- Report can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-3-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 2.
- Pictures and bid were given to show deterioration of cat kennels. To replace and three additional kennels the final cost is \$23,286.00. The bid can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-3-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 3.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM**  
**Minutes submitted 11/03/2025**  
**David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM by Kevin Weston in the absence of David Bartoni. See above list of those attending, and also, those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Sherriff Kyle Bacon...

- Intergovernmental Agreement with Kane County. We don't use them currently, but it's never bad idea to have an agreement with them in case we have a situation where we need to send a juvenile to them.
- DCFS has reached out about the interest in the Juvenile Detention Centers Meth Treatment wing to help house juveniles that are awaiting placement for short term use in domestic situations.

Board member Larry Miller speaks on the City of Benton buying the Juvenile Detention and says that they are still discussing things amongst themselves.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Report can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-17-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 1.

OEMC Director Ryan Buckingham...

- EMA assisted with an active threat/active shooter exercise at Ewing Grade School.
- OEMC hosted Chamber of Commerce meeting
- New App has been launched
- December 1, 2025 is still the integration date for dispatch.
- Building on Park Street will be completely empty by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Franklin Hospital is interested in the building to buy.

Animal Control Supervisor Alexis St George...

- Feline virus is rising cat death toll; recommendation is to throw away cat kennels and purchase stainless steel ones. Friends of Franklin County are willing to set up a go fund me to help
- Report was given and can be viewed at [www.franklincountyil.gov](http://www.franklincountyil.gov) as 11-17-2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 2.

Chairman Neil Hargis discussed appointments that will be appointed at the board meeting directly following this meeting.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes submitted 11/17/2025**  
**Kevin Weston – Public Safety Committee**