

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Oct 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kevin D. Weston. This meeting was held in the Franklin County Courthouse, County Board Room 133, 100 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Kevin Wilson, called the roll. Members in attendance were Dave Bartoni, John Gossett, J. Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Curtis Overton, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Neil Hargis and Angela Evans were absent.

Also in attendance were Amanda Kink, County Board Office Manager; Kyle Bacon, County Sheriff; Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston asked if there is anyone who wants to make public comments?

Rocky Morris: Okay, couple comments. I just got one. I talked to John earlier and we're going to have it sit down. We're still on this tourism issue. Public body. I know nobody's going to answer so I'll just put this way. A public body. There's public grant involved. Does a public body authorize application of that grant or does a tourism board have the authority to go for the grant? In other words, if the public body is still overseeing tourism, we appoint the board. We give them a place to stay. Phone ordinance. If you guys could by the next meeting I'll follow for you with her with man. But I'd like to know that you're

saying do we approve the grants that there is gets there other, does it have to go through the chance demand? No. Is that what you're saying? I know they received some grants, but I don't know that we approve. Yeah, we saw a grant. We didn't know Who's liable if that grant falls apart is county board.

J. Larry Minor: We appoint a lot of boards. I mean we can appoint Hill City Water Board and stuff like that. Hill City Water District if they want apply for a grant. We have no authority on what they apply for.

Rocky Morris: This is that tax money.

J. Larry Minor: I know, but I'm just saying that they have a board of their own.

Rocky Morris: I mean, okay. That was my question. You answered. Yeah. The tourism board as it is, is the one that files the grant without the board knowing?

Brad Wilson: I would think so. Okay.

Rocky Morris: Do they have economic statements on the board?

Ray Minor: They would have to have them.

Rocky Morris: Huh? They would have to have the

J. Larry Miller: They would have to for the tourism board. Well, we filed for them and they're not there. You're asking the wrong people that question. I have no clue whether they do or not either.

Rocky Morris: Okay. Thank you.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Any other public comments?

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING J. Larry Miller made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 15, 2025 Regular County Board Meeting and the October 6, 2025 Special County Board Meeting. Dave Bartoni second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS Curtis Overton made a motion to pay the claims on file. Ray Minor second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS SERVICE WINDOW - APPROVAL Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Supervisor of Assessments Service Window for basically \$14,475, well \$12,345.38 cents to be paid out of the 1% fund. That's just for the service window of the construction.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the supervisor assessment service window at \$12,345.38. Using the 1% fund. Ray Minor second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

2026 COUNTY CALENDAR - APPROVAL Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the 2026 County Calendar.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the 2026 County Calendar as presented. Curtis Overton seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said 2026 County Calendar is made a part of these minutes.

AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2024 - APPROVAL Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is to accept the Audit for Year Ended November 30, 2024.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston asked if anyone had any questions?

J. Larry Miller: I have a comment. Okay. Give me some latitude here. I'm frustrated as all I get out. We are paying an auditor \$164,000 for this audit and they are not here. This is the second year that we've had them being absent. We've got the book. I've got a number of questions. I'm not questioning him. Just trying to understand. But my problem is that we have question a lot of things that have been going on in the treasurer's office for the last two or three or four years and there are people on this board who believe there's some in-discrepancies, some believe there's been money stolen. Some believe that there's crooked stuff going on. All that we've done all kinds of things tried to verify and whatever and I'm of the opinion that there is nothing that is illegal that's been going on.

But my frustration is that we have oversight. This board does the fiduciary responsibility over this county and the only insights we really get is from the auditor themselves. Our we hire them and the cost of it's going up astronomically. We've looked at having another auditor this past year at I think the same price I believe it was, of what we're paying this one and I felt like that it was a good idea to have some different eyes on the audit and all our books continuously going along with the same ones. We get a little concerned and so I'm puzzled as to why we're going to go ahead and pay this amount. We're not going to be able to ask questions about what's in the audit and just go on for another year and it's frustrating to me. I'm going to vote no because I've got questions. I think they're good. I think they're questions that would be helpful. I've gone through this thing. Interesting. Believe it or not, I didn't fall asleep. It was kind of interesting to look at some of what's there, so I'm going to be a no on this.

John Gossett: I'd to speak on that as well. I don't know what's going on. I do know the Rice and Sullivan has had the same problems. You have you and nothing gets corrected. I do know that. And

they don't show up and answer questions and I don't think it's going to hurt us to make a no statement tonight. Let them show up, answer those questions and then pass it. I'm going to vote no as well.

Ray Minor: Well answer me this. What does a no vote do?

J. Larry Miller: We don't accept the report because we have, do they care if we accept it? I Dunno whether they do or not, but we always had them here to ask you questions. Any boards I did on where you were required to have us, if you wanted them to attend, they would. And now in the last few years, the cost of this has just gone out of sight, which is frustrating but nonetheless that's the world in which we live. But I think that there are questions. I think board members have questions. Do you believe this report is accurate? That's what I'd like to know. If you all think it's accurate because there's a big difference. If you don't think so, there's a problem, but from what I hear, many of you don't believe that it's accurate.

Ray Minor: Can we call and see if Sarah can schedule?

J. Larry Miller: I think it will. I talked to Neil today and I told my frustrations I've been wanting and he said that she would come but she couldn't be here last week or the week before or whatever.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: I'm on several boards where we have had Rice and Sullivan call in and give us a report on the audit or they've not come to a meeting but they've called in.

J. Larry Miller: I Would accept that. Yeah.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Okay. The issue we might have, and this is we have to publish; we have to post our budget so many days prior to 30 days before the end of the fiscal year and we're getting close.

J. Larry Miller: Well that has nothing to do with it all. Zero. Those are two separate items.

Dave Bartoni: I would just address one thing you said, Larry. Yes, I believe that the numbers, I believe that is accurate based off what they have been given. I'll say that.

J. Larry Miller: They have responsibility to go to the bank and check these numbers out. They verified these things. Now I don't know if they do every one of them, but they do some of them and I want to know which ones they did. Is that a fair question? Yes, very fair. Is that not in the report? No, not quick. I don't think they look at every one of them. Okay. They did verify.

Dave Bartoni: That should be documented I would think.

J. Larry Miller: Well, I don't know Dave, but all these are questions we ought to be asking.

John Gossett: We've got find can't you just person that said they wanted to do this one seconded. You've got to vote on it. The only thing you can do is amend it. If somebody thinks they can amend it. If you would've amended it, would you amend it to push it back month?

Dave Bartoni: Kevin, can we amend it and table it or now that you've got a first and second.

Kevin Wilson, County Clerk: You have to take action on it one way or another.

J. Larry Miller: Could the person who moved the motion, withdraw the motion?

Brad Wilson: The motion has to be taken. Action.

J. Larry Miller: Motion to withdraw the motion. And second that as well?

Brad Wilson: Ms. Dinn

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: Think they have to vote on it, to withdraw it.

Brad Wilson: I do too.

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: I think you have to vote on it and if you vote it down.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Next time reschedule.

Dave Bartoni: We can still ask questions even if we accept it.

Abby Dinn, State Attorney: I don't believe so.

J. Larry Miller: Hey I'd buy that too, Dave. Okay. I'm trying work with you here.

Dave Bartoni: Yeah, I agree with that. I agree with you. I think it would be good for the board to ask the questions that we're asking each other that we don't seem to know the answer to have them. I mean we did give them \$160,000 and they've already received that. Correct Steve?

Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer: I mean we pay them as they give us invoices. So I think most of the money they already, so they've received most of the it. And then, I mean not speaking to the asking question piece, but whether you approve or not, it's already been submitted to state, it's already done deal. Nothing's going to change the

audit whether you won know tonight or not. But the question part of it, I don't know if you use that as leverage or not to get her to come or talk.

Dave Bartoni: Here's the other piece to that, and Larry, you might be able to speak to this because you talked to the other firm because we have a reputation obviously in our county on these audits of not being timely, which is part of the reason we're in the situation. We're in financially on these. Do you believe if we do push the envelope and they decide to not do it next year is because we're going to be limited on options? Do you think that other firm would still be willing to do our audit next year?

J. Larry Miller: I can't answer that. I'm going to tell you why. Because in the process we were looking at, we changed chairmen and Neil then negotiated with them as I recall. I believe this is correct. I stepped back and he talked with them and got the price down where it was more.

Dave Bartoni: It was 225 and I believe they came down to 162 or something like that.

J. Larry Miller: That's the way I understand it. And one of the things that I was talking what I liked that they were going to come to the board and talk to board of what our expectations was and we've not had any conversation with Rice and Sullivan, have we? I'm not aware of it, and I just think that this is our responsibility and we need to, I'd like to see different eyes on it, but even if we don't, I'm okay. I just would like for them to be here, whether it be by owner or whatever to ask questions.

Dave Bartoni: And I'm agreeing with Larry. Like I said to him, the only concern that I have is we're limited on the firms that will accept us to do our audit because of the situation we're in. Unless the financial price goes even higher.

J. Larry Miller: The question would be, did we just contract them from one year or does anybody remember that?

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: I think we have a multi-year contract.

J. Larry Miller: A what?

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: I think we have a multi-year contract.

J. Larry Miller: I don't know. Do you know the answer to that?

John Gossett: I don't think so.

Dave Bartoni: You don't think?

John Gossett: I don't think so, I guess I'd be careful.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Well, do we got a motion?

Dave Bartoni: We're going to have to vote on it either way. Just, I mean we need to also think about that. Well, we're going to have to vote on it, but all I'm going to say is that it is already been submitted. So the idea is that we can call them and ask them to at the next meeting to answer some questions.

J. Larry Miller: Can I say that I talked to Neil and I did get an email from Sarah that she would text her an email. Give me a second.

Dave Bartoni: While, he's looking at that. Kevin, let me ask you this question. If I amend my motion.

Kevin Wilson, County Clerk: It's on the floor. You need it's vote up or down?

J. Larry Miller: Wait a minute. You can amend the moment on the motion on the floor reporting to Robert's Rule of Order. I'm not and I believe you can read, I believe I'm not an attorney. Okay, but Robert's Rule of Order, the old FFA guy in me that Benton High school a hundred years ago, I think that you could withdraw if the motion maker of the motion would agree to withdraw and the seconder would withdraw. It's gone. But here's what I got. Here's what she emailed. Neil reached out to me this afternoon saying that you are inquiring about our firm going a board meeting. Is there something regarding the audit that I can answer by email or by cell phone? That's what she responded.

Dave Bartoni: So she was willing to talk to you, just didn't really want to come and talk to the entire board.

J. Larry Miller: Well, you're reading a lot into that. I don't know. Okay. But I, the reason, well I this along, I don't have a problem for Sarah. I've talked to her on the phone, but not since it's not my purview and I felt like that Neil did not want me to call her in the past.

Dave Bartoni: I'm okay with approving it, but I would also like to add, I think it should be a requirement that they come and answer board questions.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Or be on the phone.

Dave Bartoni: Yeah, they can be on the phone. They don't have to be here in person, but I'm okay with approving it. As long as we get that, that's my understanding from Neil.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Okay.

Kevin Wilson, County Clerk: All of that's reflected in the minutes. By the way, everything you've said will be reflected in the minutes verbatim.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Thank you. And we've got a second. So call roll.

On roll call vote, all voted yes except John Gossett and J. Larry Miller voted no.

Said audit for year ended November 30, 2024 is made a part of these minutes.

**JOINT FUNDING
AGREEMENT FOR
FEDERALLY FUNDED
PE/ROW WITH ROUND
TABLE DESIGN**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded PE/ROW for Section 24-00198-00-SP with Round Table Design. He is for a driveway and for railroad.

John Gossett: It is for Benton field road over here.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Okay.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Dave Bartoni second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes.

**RESOLUTION TO USE
FEDERAL AID MATCH
FOR MATCHING FUNDS
FOR PHASE I & II
ENGINEERING**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution to use Federal Aid Match for matching funds for Phase I and II Engineering for Section 24-00198-00-SP for \$2,000. 90% of that will be paid by this day.

Ray Minor made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Brad Wilson second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-45.

**RESOLUTION IN THE
AWARDING OF CONTRACT
TO H&R AGI-POWER FOR
A 2025 KUBOTA
EXCAVATOR**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution in the Awarding of Contract to H&R Agri-power in Benton, Illinois for a 2025 Kubota Excavator in the amount of \$81,500 for the County Highway Department.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-46.

**RESOLUTION IN THE
AWARDING OF CONTRACT
TO K.D. CRAIN & SONS**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the resolution in the Awarding of Contract to K.D. Crain and Sons in Johnston City, Illinois for Section 24-11133-00-FL in the amount of \$72,925.70.

Curtis Overton made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. J. Larry Miller second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-47.

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY
FORMAL CONTRACT &
CONTRACT BOND WITH
K.D. CRAIN & SONS**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the Local Public Agency Formal Contract & Contract Bond with K.D. Crain and Sons for Section 24-11133-00-FL.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the formal contract & contract bond as presented. J. Larry Miller second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contracts are made a part of these minutes.

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY
ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH
HUTCHISON
ENGINEERING FOR
CONSTRUCTION**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Hutchison Engineering for Construction Engineering on Section 24-11133-00-FL in the amount of \$26,375.

ENGINEERING

J. Larry Miller made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes.

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY
ENGINEERING SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH HLR
ENGINEERING FOR
PHASE I & II
ENGINEERING IN CAVE
TOWNSHIP**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with HLR Engineering for Phase I and II Engineering for Section 25-04123-00-BR in Cave Township for the amount of \$55,000 and this is reimbursed by the State of Illinois.

Brad Wilson made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes.

**RESOLUTION TO
TRANSFER FROM
GENERAL FUND TO
FEDERAL AID MATCH**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is a resolution to transfer \$37,127.71 from the General fund to Federal Aid Match to bring the levy rate of 0.045% into compliance.

Curtis Overton made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. John Gossett second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2025-48.

**WEST FRANKFORT PD
K-9 FROM OPIOID
FUNDS - APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the West Frankfort Police Department request for a K-9 to be paid from the Opioid Fund in the amount of \$29,272.75.

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: I'd just like to introduce, first of all, Chief Van Willis was Mayor PD and then Detective Jake Waters, he's working on this program, received some pledges for private donations. So I'll talk to you about it.

WF Chief Van Willis: Essentially the whole county can clarify. We have a horrible drug problem in Franklin County. We're having to call for dogs, whether it be Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Johnson City Police Department, county Sheriff's Office, wherever we can get a dog for a traffic stop or whatever we're needing. And I think that Westford is a very, very badly, although the total trying to grow 29,000 to raise about 10,000 in donations, what ever you guys consider, wonderful.

J. Larry Miller: I have a question, don't get me wrong, but we can take those funds and give it to municipalities like we're doing here.

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: Yes, that can be Okay.

J. Larry Miller: But it does take the county board making that decision.

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: It does because the county board is a control of that particular group of finances, but it can only be spent on certain items because it's due to the opioid settlement funds and this falls right into the category of things that we can spend that money.

J. Larry Miller: Is there other city departments that got k9.

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: I think we helped that assessor.

Brad Wilson: What did we give to Bitton and Assessor? Do you know? I don't recall. Yeah, we gave some money to assessor, to our K9 program and we gave some opioid funds to Benton having to do with some drug investigation. Do you know the number on that? Because we're looking at you raised, you said 10, approximately 10. So we're looking at about \$19,275. Did we give that much to the other towns or?

Kyle Bacon, Sheriff: I think the city of Sesser, we were five or 6,000, but they needed it for equipment. They had I believe the dog in training.

Ray Minor: So it's kind of the opposite of, well, West Frankfort PD, they have some of the equipment but they're needing the dog in the training, which is more expensive.

Kyle Bacon, Sheriff: How much do we have in that account? Do you guys know?

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: I think that's, last time I checked it was about 75,000. Yeah.

Curtis Overton: Does the Sheriff's department, the state's attorney share out of the same fund?

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: The state attorney's office doesn't spend any money funds because there's nothing really that I have to fit in those categories. I'm just here in support of West Frankfort getting a dog because like he said, every time they have a traffic stop, they have to wait on somebody from county to come or from Johnson City or Williamson County and there is a very large need in West Frankfort for this type. At least one canine.

Curtis Overton: You mentioned \$10,000 in donations. Is the City of West Frankfort going to do anything to help? We also have opioid money.

Ray Minor: In the city of West Frankfort that the City of West Frankfort has talked about letting us use to assist us in what we do you know what that number is? I'm not aware sir. Okay. For, I'm obviously for this, but you guys got to understand whatever we do for you, whenever somebody else bitten or Christopher comes to us, there's going to be a dollar that we give to you that they're going

to also be expecting. Correct. So I'm not against that at all. I'm just Okay. I'll second it. We haven't got a second.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: We haven't got a motion yet. I thought we did. We did. Yeah. We got a motion job today. Motion? I do. Okay, so what are we to second? What are motion for the whole panel?

Ray Minor: Well, you asked for the whole payment, but I didn't know the \$29,000, so I'm going to withdraw that motion and drop it down to \$19,272.

John Gossett: Okay. Let me try again then. I would like to make a motion to approve West Frankfort Police Department's request for K-9 money from the opioid funds at not up to \$19,000. Dave Bartoni second the motion.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Do you have any questions or discussions?

Curtis Overton: Any discussions? I just think we haven't given that much to anybody on drug dog issues in the past and if we give them \$19,000, everybody, obviously all the small police departments in the county would like to have a dog if somebody would do it for them, so I just, I'm not against it. I'm a big backer of law enforcement, but I think the numbers higher than what we've traditionally went and we may be opening up a can of worms where everybody in the county comes looking.

Ray Minor: Curtis. That's kind of why I checked with them on that fund. If you said that there's 200,000, because in my mind, if any other police department comes and asks for that dollar, well, I think Franklin department, police department, we have the county besides the sheriff's department. Right? It is, but we don't have to give assessor. We had six police departments, six officers, same

amount of money. We might give a Frankfort that has 15 officers.

Kyle Bacon, Sheriff: The population, you have to understand that the monthly cost, the state mandates 16 hours monthly per dog of training, so that's paid to the handler. The food is not alcohol off the shelf. It's very expensive. The vet care is very expensive. It is not easy for smaller departments to maintain a canine, but we're not talking about maintaining this. I understand. Right. We're just talking about the purchase of it and then you all will West Frankfort will then be responsible for the maintenance of the dog and that over time that for the 16 hours. My point is that not everybody can afford the maintenance of the dog or pay the training. They don't pursue the initial cost of the, because it's so expensive. But I have one other question to comment.

Ray Minor: They've got \$10,000 worth of donations. Was that donations earmarked for this training or was that to help them with maintaining the additional services that they need to keep this data?

WF Cheif Van Willis: It was through the process of starting a canine fund program to get started in West Frankfort where once we get started, we have some funds set back, not only for the routine maintenance, but it is to help in the future to get another dog.

We also are starting from nothing. Our department hasn't had a canines in decades where most other police departments such as sensors have the equipment left over from other dogs. We're starting from scratch. We have nothing. We don't have canine cages. We don't have canine insert from the vehicle. Especially the most expensive cost is the train and the dog and essentially, we're starting from bare bones.

Ray Minor: But the city council is obviously aware that you guys are doing this and they're going to have that in your budget for the maintenance?

WF Chief Van Willis: I have spoken to the mayor and the police commissioner, a couple other commissioners. They are aware that they're fully on board. However, I couldn't bring it to the council to vote on or more of a discussion until you guys had your meeting when decided whatever you want to go.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: You had a first and a second.

Abby Dinn, States Attorney: I just want to be clear to Ray's question, the 10,000 is not for the maintenance later. That is for the purchase of, you have a copy. You should have a copy of all of the estimates, so that goes towards that.

Ray Minor: I just want to make sure that we're giving them enough money since were cutting it back \$19,000, is that going to be enough with the donation?

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Yes.

On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**PUBLIC POSTING OF
PROPOSED FY2026
BUDGET - APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Public Posting of Proposed FY2026 Budget for the public viewing

J. Larry Miller made a motion to approve the posting of the proposed FY2026 Budget. Brad Wilson second the motion.

J. Larry Miller: Okay. Question. Please don't misunderstand. I'm just trying to, I can't remember how we've done this before, but so will there be changes probably to these notes.

Vice- Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Yes, but there will be some con nation.

J. Larry Miller: Will be some modification. How will that occur? Will that, when the changes are made, then you put on display that budget and does there have to be a time-frame or is this lock in the time-frame? It does, doesn't it?

Ray Minor: My understanding from talking to Brett, was this starts us on that time-frame that we have to have it posted because I know Brett is still in talks with some departments. Ultimately we will then approve the final budget hell amend it and well have a final budget.

J. Larry Miller: Ultimately, we will then approve the final budget.

Ray Minor: Final budget. He'll amend it and we'll have it.

Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer: Final budget. Yeah. This will allow the time clock to happen. I mean, if they, preferably most of the changes would happen before the meeting. Having said that, the 28th, since I've been here, there have been changes that have been done two 30 before the meeting at six.

J. Larry Miller: Well, there be notifications to those changes. I don't think you have to. If it's on file, everybody can see it, right?

Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer: Don't have to. Well, it's okay. I'm just please I'm just trying to understand.

Ray Minor: Think if we're going to vote on the final budget, we should all look at the numbers, those changes, so we'll make sure that R any changes that he makes in this proposed budget, I'll have Neil send out what changes his made. Is that fair?

J. Larry Miller: As long as we got it a couple of days before the meeting gets the final, the department budget.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Thank you. Okay. We have a motion and a second and questions and comments, so let's take a vote.

On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said proposed FY 2026 Budget is made a part of these minutes.

**ELECTRICAL WORK AT
CAMPBELL BUILDING &
COURTHOUSE -
APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of electrical work at the Campbell Building estimated to be \$2,130 and Courthouse estimated to be \$1,245 for a total amount of \$3,375 by Lloyd Electric and to be paid from the 1% Fund.

Dave Bartoni made a motion to approve of the electrical work as presented. Ray Minor second the motion.

Brad Wilson: And this was for the window?

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: It's for the power outlets under the window for connected computers as well as power for relocating the vending machines. As well as power for the TVs in the courthouse.

Brad Wilson: Okay.

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston: Go ahead and take roll.

On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said estimates are made a part of these minutes

**EASEMENT FROM CITY
OF CHRISTOPHER
DENNIS BUSH'S
GRANDSON**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the easement from City of Christopher Dennis Bush's grandson for access to the land to be split of Dennis Bush (a survey will be done for both the easement and size of access once approved) Land is being sold from Dennis and Carol Bush.

Curtis Overton made a motion approve the easement as presented. Ray Minor second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**VIOLATION OF PLAT
ACT - APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of violation of Plat Act requirement for road access is 50' and this split will have access from a city lane of less than 50' and this will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN HOSPITAL
BOARD - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated that the next item on the agenda is an appointment to the Franklin Hospital Board and this will need to be tabled at this time as well.

**COUNTY CLERK,
SHERIFF & CORONER -
MONTHLY REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston stated the next item on the agenda are the September, 2025 monthly reports from the County Clerk, Sheriff & Coroner reports.

J. Larry Miller made motion to approve the reports as presented. Curtis Overton second the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

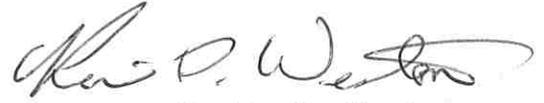
CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston informed everyone that we will have no closed session.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston asked the Board if there were any questions. Dave Bartoni made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brad Wilson second the motion. There being no further business Vice-Chairman Kevin D. Weston declared the meeting adjourned.



Kevin D. Weston
Franklin County Board Vice Chairman



Kevin Wilson
County Clerk and Recorder