

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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Date: October 6, 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
- (~~+~~) Ray Minor

County Offices

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- (x) Kyle Bacon, Sheriff
- (x) Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
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- (~~+~~) Abigail Dinn, State's Attorney
- (~~+~~) Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
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- (x) Steve Vercellino, Treasurer
- (x) Alexis St. George, Animal Control Supervisor
- (~~+~~) Kevin Wilson, County Clerk

Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino Sr, Dwayne Williams

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The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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...

- Beginning balance as of 9/30/2025 \$5,949,176. Estimated ending of 10/17/2025 is \$5,944,714. This report can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 10/6/2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.
- Staff is working on mailing; Part time staff will stay until November.
- Budget hearings will be on October 9, 2025

Finance Chairman Brad Wilson asked questions about tax appeal that was won for a franklin county resident in May 2025. He would like to know when this refund would be issued since it's already been 6 months since the residents have gotten the letter about winning. Discussion followed...

Chairman Miller asks Treasurer Vercellino, "What's in the General Fund?". Vercellino response, "Estimated around 3.7 million."

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM
Minutes submitted 10/6/2025
Brad Wilson- Finance Chairman

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

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Public Comment: Tom Carter says the tax appeal repayment delay should have never happened and is asking at what rate of interest is the county responsible for since Tax Payers have to pay a fee if they are late in paying their taxes.

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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...

- General Fund: \$5,255,453.52
- Treasurers report can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov titled 10-20-2025 Finance Meeting Attachment 1.
- Waiting on Coal Mine tax payment. They were late last year paying, and this year seem to be in the same situation.
- Budget to be posted is being voted on tonight and has been sent to all board members via email. There is still work that needs to be done to the budget, but this is a rough draft.
- Final Courthouse payment will be earlier than anticipated, not exact on the date but we can start dialing down a date to end the 1% sales tax.

Finance Chairman Brad Wilson would like to know if the refund property tax appeal check has been sent that was talked about at the previous meeting. Treasurer Steve Vercellino states that it hasn't been and he plans to try and get it done by the end of next month.

John Gossett asks about coal mine taxes payment, and why they are late. Treasurer Steve Vercellino was unable to get a response when following up with them. They usually pay the first installment and the second one, they pay late in December but this year they haven't paid the first installment yet.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 PM
Minutes submitted 10/20/2025
Brad Wilson- Finance Chairman