

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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DATE: October 6, 2025

PUBLIC SAFETY
(Sheriff's Office, EMA, Animal Control,
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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.

COMMITTEEMEN:

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- (x) Larry Miller
- (x) Curtis Overton -Transportation
- (x) Brad Wilson --Finance
- (x) Neil Hargis – County Board Chairman
- (x) Kevin Weston
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- (x) John Gossett

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- (x) Matthew Barnett, County Engineer
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Guests (Topic of Comment), Steve Vercellino Sr., Dwayne Williams

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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 as 10/6/2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 1.
- Sherriff Bacon talked about the new Pilot Program he is implementing with IDHS. This program will give incarcerated individuals the mental health treatment that they are needing faster than they currently are getting it. The funds that are gained from this program would go into an audited account and Sherriff Bacon would present a monthly report on the funds and what they are being used for. The funds primarily would be used for building maintenance for the Sheriff's Department. For more information on this program you can view the information provided by the Sherriff at www.franklincountyil.gov as 10/6/2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 2.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- 29 total cases in September, Annual is 249. The new facility has made a huge difference in our county along with neighboring counties. You can view the coroners full monthly report on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10/6/2025 Public Safety Meeting Attachment 3.

OEMC Director Ryan Buckingham...

- Ribbon cutting on September 26th went well.
- Dispatch is live in the OEMC. The transition went fairly smooth with a few IT issues which is to be expected.
- Sherriff Bacon will manage dispatch until December 1 and Director Buckingham will take over from that point forward.
- Halloween event at Wayne Fitzgerald is this weekend. OEMC and Sheriffs Department are helping with this event along with IDNR.

Animal Control Supervisor Alexis St George...

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 - Floors are being done today October 6, 2025
 - Received the fencing quote that would make them completely up to code per Department of Ag standards. Total cost is \$16,900 and that would come out of their donation funds.

Chairman Neil Hargis states there will be a Special Meeting following this meeting to vote on the Solar Ordinance, Animal Control Fencing and Supervisor Janitorial Position.

Discussion on Juvenile Detention arose. Pros vs Cons on selling to Benton or putting on the market.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM
Minutes submitted 10/06/2025
David Bartoni – Public Safety Committee

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Sherriff Kyle Bacon...

- Nothing to report.

Coroner Marty Leffler...

- Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 PM
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