

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

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October 6, 2025

TRANSPORTATION (Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds, 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
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- ~~(x) Darla Fitzgerald, Court Services~~
- (x) Marty Leffler, Coroner
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- (x) Cynthia Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments
- ~~(x) Judge Melissa Morgan~~
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Guests (Topic of Comment) Steve Vercellino Sr, Dwayne Williams

The meeting was called to order at 5:26 PM by Chairman, Curtis Overton. See above list of those attending and also those stating public comments and the topics of their comments.

Matt Barnett/County Highway Engineer was asked to present county highways claims to the board to give his report...

- 6-mile railroad project. All lights/gates are reimbursed 100%. There are 3 separate locations that this is happening at.
- Benton Field Road project is moving forward reducing hill 4 ½ feet. There are lots of utility poles on this road which is why it's taking longer than expected.
- Paint striping completed last week. Each year the goal is 1/3 of the county. They completed 14 miles this year.
- Freeman Spur blacktop will have a milling project starting in 2 weeks.

Chairman Overton gave his report...

- Painting at the Campbell Building has started.
- Parking lot at Justice Center is complete.
- Supervisor of Assessments window has received total bids for the bigger window that was requested by Supervisor of Assessments Cindy Miklos. The total amount for the bids is \$12,345.38. This includes cutting the hole for the window and framing it in along with the installation of the window. The bids can be viewed on www.franklincountyil.gov as 10/6/2025 Transportation Meeting Attachment 1.
- Curtis Overton and Amanda Kink did 5 interviews to replace the previous Janitorial Supervisor after her resignation. They both agreed that the best candidate is Tara Fox who is currently the part time janitor. We will vote tonight on that decision.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 PM.
Minutes submitted 10/06/2025
Curtis Overton – Transportation Committee**

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Matt Barnett/County Highway Engineer was asked to present county highways claims to the board to give his report...

- Highway Department got prices on a new Kubota Excavator and decided to keep it local using H & R Agri-power in Benton.
- Railroad project for three railroad jobs in the county only had one company bid on it out of Johnston City.
- County Engineer Matt Barnett quickly went through some of the resolutions on tonight's board meeting in case anyone had any questions about them. Discussion followed...

Chairman Overton gave his report...

- Painting at the Campbell building is almost finished. There have been a lot of compliments and the building looks great. The company used has been wonderful and easy to work with.
- South door of Campbell building had the door closure replaced. A heavy-duty door closure was put up; the previous door closure was a medium duty which is probably a big reason there were so many issues with it over the years.
- Electrical project is going to be voted on tonight. This project included outlets being placed in Supervisor of Assessments office for new service window, moving outlets for vending machines and adding a few outlets in the courthouse for various projects. This bid can be viewed at www.franklincountyil.gov as 10-20-2025 Transportation Attachment 1.
- Mike Bost is having office hours at the Courthouse 10/27/2025 if the government isn't shut down at this date. This will be for questions about grants and projects that we would use those grants for.
- Kevin Weston & Brad Wilson brought forth the idea of getting some TVs for the board room and the conference room. This would benefit budget hearings and also documents being brought to the meetings for everyone to see.

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Supervisor of Assessments Cindy Miklos talks about easement that is on tonight's agenda to be voted on. The property owners want to give their grandson 2 of their 3 acres. This acreage needs an access built otherwise it is landlocked.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.
Minutes submitted 10/20/2025
Curtis Overton – Transportation Committee**