

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AT

6:00 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Oct 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

In the absence of Secretary, Kevin Wilson, County Board Office Manager, Amanda Kink called the roll. Members in attendance were Neil Hargis, Dave Bartoni, Angela Evans, John Gossett, J. Larry Miller, Curtis Overton, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Ray Minor was absent.

Also in attendance were Kyle Bacon, County Sheriff; Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency by phone; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and Alexis Williams, Animal Control Supervisor and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman Neil Hargis lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Neil Hargis asked if there is anyone who wants to make public comments? No one had any comments at this time.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the purpose of this meeting is to approve the Solar Ordinance, Animal Control Fencing and Janitorial Supervisor appointment.

**SOLAR ORDINANCE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Solar Ordinance and he presented said ordinance informing everyone in attendance that this ordinance will be known as the Green Energy Ordinance.

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

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2025-03.

**ANIMAL CONTROL
FENCING - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Animal control Fencing at a cost of \$16,900.00 which will be taken out of their donations.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the fencing as presented. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**JANITORIAL
SUPERVISOR -
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the last item on the agenda is the approval of the Janitorial Supervisor appointment and he recommends Tara Fox to fill the position vacated by Tonya Johnson effective immediately.

John Gossett asked if Tara will be working under the same contract as Tonya?

Chairman Neil Hargis stated yes.

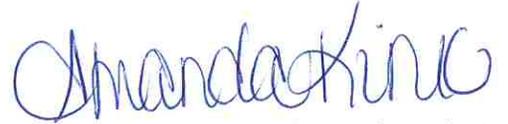
Curtis Overton made a motion to appoint Tara Fox to replace Tonya Johnson as Janitorial Supervisor as presented. Dave Bartoni seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Neil Hargis asked the Board if there were any questions. Curtis Overton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Larry Miller second the motion. There being no further business Chairman Neil Hargis declared the meeting adjourned.



Neil Hargis
Franklin County Board Chairman



Amanda Kink
County Board Office Manager