

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jun 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular 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 Sq, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance were Matt Barnett, County Engineer; Amanda Kink, County Board office Manager; Marty Leffler, County Coroner; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer as well as other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman Neil Hargis leads everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Neil Hargis asked if there was anyone who wants to make a public comment. No public comments were made at this time.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Neil Hargis states that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the May 18, 2026 Regular County Board Meeting Minutes.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve those minutes. Curtis Overton second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the approval of the county claims.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the County Claims. Ray Minor second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM - RESOLUTION**

Chairman Neil Hargis states that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the delinquent tax program resolutions. Kevin Weston second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2026-60 thru 2026-63.

**ELLIS CLAUSSEN
JUVENILE DETENTION
CENTER - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis states that the next item on the agenda is the approval of \$19,545 to contractor Ellis Claussen for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Dave Bartoni made a motion to approve the invoice for \$19,545 to Ellis Claussen for the Juvenile Detention Center. Ray Minor second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

Said invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**DAVE SHULTZ
LOCKSMITH JUVENILE
DETENTION CENTER -
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the approval of \$1,446 to Dave Schultz, Locksmith for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Ray Minor Made a motion to approve the invoice for \$1,446 to Dave Schultz Locksmith for work to be done at the Juvenile Detention Center. Kevin Weston second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

Said invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**SAPP'S HEATING & AIR
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
- APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the approval of a 6-month maintenance contract for HVAC with Sapp's Heating & Air in the total amount of \$4,200.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the invoice for 6-month maintenance contract in the amount of \$4,200 with Sapp's Heating & Air. Curtis Overton second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

Said invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**SUPERVISOR OF
ASSESSMENTS SALARY
FOR 2026 - APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the approval of the salary for the Supervisor of Assessments. Chairman Neil Hargis states that the Salary would reward a 3% raise as to mirror the raises given to the Elected Officials in the May meeting.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve a 3% raise to the Supervisor of Assessments. J. Larry Miller second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

**STIPEND FOR
ASSISTANT ANIMAL
CONTROL SUPERVISOR -
APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis states that the next item on the agenda is the approval of a \$3,100 Dollar stipend for the Assistant Animal Control Supervisor.

Dave Bartoni made a motion to approve a stipend of \$3,100 to the Assistant Animal Control Supervisor. Curtis Overton second that motion.

Dave Bartoni explains that this stipend is being given due to Bobbi Blaylock having an extended role as well as creating a contingency plan if the current supervisor were to ever resign or have any sort of extended absence. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

**HIRE FULL-TIME
COURTHOUSE CUSTODIAN
- APPROVAL**

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Full time Hire for a Courthouse Custodian. Chairman Neil Hargis states this full-time custodian will replace the cleaning service they are currently paying for. Chairman Neil Hargis also states that the custodian to be hired is Clarissa Faucet, with a salary of \$19.23 hourly wage. Her hours are yet to be determined at this time.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the hire of Clarissa Faucet to full time courthouse custodian. Dave Bartoni second the motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

**SOUTH CENTRAL II
MASS TRANSIT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the re-appointment of Pam Boyd to the South-Central Mass Transit board, whose term is ending on June 30, 2026.

J. Larry Miller made a motion to re-appoint Pam Boyd to the South-Central Mass Transit Board to a new four year term ending on June 30, 2030. Dave Bartoni second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes except Angela Evans voted no.

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

Chairman Neil Hargis states the next item on the agenda is the acceptance of the monthly reports for the County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner & Animal Control.

Dave Bartoni made a motion to accept the monthly reports of the County Clerk, Sheriff, Coroner & Animal Control. John Gossett second that motion. On roll call vote, all vote yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Neil Hargis stated that there would be no Closed Session for tonight's meeting.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Neil Hargis asked the Board if there were any questions. John Gossett made a motion to adjourn this Regular Meeting of the County board on June 15, 2026. Dave Bartoni second the motion. There being no further business Chairman Neil Hargis declared the meeting adjourned.



Neil Hargis
Franklin County Board Chairman



Paris Dunk
County Clerk and Recorder