

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Oct 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis. Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Governor J B Pritzker has ordered everyone to wear masks and to observe social distancing. This meeting was held in the former County Board room, Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were Matt Donkin, John Gulley, Neil Hargis, Larry Miller, Ray Minor, Alan Price, Jack Warren and Kevin Weston. Randall Crocker was absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; David Bartoni, County Sheriff; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Phillip Butler, States Attorney; and Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis asked the public if there were comments at this time. No comments at this time.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2020 Additional County Board Meeting. Matt Donkin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

John Gulley made a motion to pay the claims on file. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ORDINANCE ABATING TAXES FOR TAX YEAR 2020

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the first item on the agenda is the consideration and action on an Ordinance Abating the Tax hereto levied for the Year 2020 to pay the principal of and interest on \$2,910,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2012. John Gulley explained it is procedural process that the county does every year to stay legal with the bond company.

John Gulley made a motion to approve this ordinance as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2020-05.

2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the 2021 Holiday Schedule.

John Gulley made a motion to accept the holiday schedule as presented. Matt Donkin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said 2021 Holiday Schedule is made a part of these minutes.

CHANGE MEETING DATE

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the changing of the meeting date from November 2nd to November 4th. He explained that this is because of the election that it would need to be moved to the day after the election.

Jack Warren made a motion to change the meeting date from November 2nd to November 4th. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**NEW COURTHOUSE ROOF
SELECTION**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda is the selection of the roof for the New Courthouse and he stated that this needs to be tabled at this time.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

John Gulley made a motion to accept the resolutions as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2020-31 & 2020-32.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC.**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. claim for construction of the new courthouse project 3925 in the amount of \$789,503.73.

John Gulley made a motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. Allen Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**WHITE & BORGOGNONI
ARCHITECTS PC**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the White & Borgognoni Architects PC. claim for 6% Construction Administration and reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$14,485.65.

John Gulley made a motion to approve the payment to White & Borgognoni Architects PC. Allen Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**E. T. SIMONDS
CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the E. T. Simonds Construction Company claim for parking lot work on the east side of 901 Public Square in the amount of \$22,534.10.

John Gulley made a motion to approve the payment to E. T. Simonds Construction Company. Allen Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

PEOPLES BANK

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Peoples National Bank claim for positive pay for September, 2020 is \$80.25 & October, 2020 is \$80.60 and total amount is \$160.85.

John Gulley made a motion to approve the payment to Peoples National Bank. Allen Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

HARRIS

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the Harris Computer Systems claim for laser style A/P voucher for courthouse checks project 2020 in the amount of \$130.81.

John Gulley made a motion to approve the payment to Harris Computer Systems. Allen Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said copy of the claim and invoice are made a part of these minutes.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF'S
REPORTS**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, September monthly report; Franklin County Coroner, September monthly report; and Franklin County Sheriff reports for service from August 18, 2020 thru September 21, 2020 and for service from September 22, 2020 thru October 19, 2020.

Matt Donkin made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

ROE ANNUAL REPORT

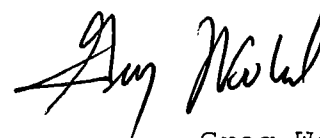
Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated the next item on the agenda is the ROE Annual Report of Activities July 2019 thru June 2020 this report was presented at the October 5th Health & Environment Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis asked the Board if there were any questions. Matt Donkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Gulley seconded the motion. There being no further business Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis declared the meeting adjourned.



Neil Hargis
Interim Chairmam



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder