

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Aug 21, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Room in the Campbell Building, 901 Public Square, Benton, Illinois by Chairman Randall Crocker.

ROLL CALL

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were Randall Crocker, Neil Hargis, Stephen Leek, Danny Melvin, Robert Pierce, Alan Price, David Rea, and Jack Warren. Tom Vaughn was absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Keith Ward, Recycling Coordinator; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Don Jones, Sheriff of Franklin; Keith Jones, County Treasurer; Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Thad Snell, Animal Control Supervisor and other interested parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman Randall Crocker lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the public if there were comments at this time. SCT gave a report on the board representation and how many should be on the board. They are asked Franklin County Board to realign the board and the number from each county to be corrected. They are asking the States Attorney for help. They say Franklin County should have two on the board but currently they only have one and Marion County has several.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Danny Melvin made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 17, 2018 Regular County Board Meeting. Robert Pierce seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Alan Price made a motion to pay the claims on file. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that a closed session is not needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Delinquent Tax Program resolutions regarding authorizing my signature (Randall Crocker) to execute deeds on parcels sold thru the County's Delinquent Tax Program.

Danny Melvin 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. 2018-42 and 2018-43.

**I-57 ENTERPRISE ZONE
TAX ABATEMENT -
RESOLUTION**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the I-57 Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement resolution and he explained the Franklin County, City of Benton, City of West Frankfort and Village of West City would like to apply for a joint enterprise zone.

David Rea made a motion to accept the resolution as presented. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2018-44.

**STATES ATTORNEY -
REPLACE A FULL TIME
POSITION**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the States Attorney replacement of a full time position and he read a letter from Evan Owens, States Attorney explaining that this office lost a full time person at the beginning of 2018. Evan Owens, States Attorney, would like to hire a paralegal to take the person he loss place.

Alan Price made a motion to allow the replacement hire for the States Attorney's office. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**SUPERVISOR OF
ASSESSMENTS - TRAVEL
REQUEST**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Supervisor of Assessments travel requests. He informed the County Board that there are two requests from Cindy Humm, Supervisor of Assessments and he read both request letters. The first travel request is for Cindy Humm, Supervisor of Assessments to attend a CAO Legislative Workshop in Decatur on Thursday, August 16th, one night total cost for mileage and lodging will be \$89.00. And the second travel request is for Cindy Loyd, GIS Mapping & Platting Department Chief Clerk, to attend a Department of Revenue class in Springfield on September 16th, 17th & 18th. The class is free, the expense will be for mileage and three nights lodging plus meals.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve both travel requests for the Supervisor of Assessments office as presented. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letters are made a part of these minutes.

**STATES ATTORNEY -
TRAVEL REQUEST**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that a travel request from Evan Owens, States Attorney, for Beth Sandusky and Jesse Sanders to attend a VOCA Conference in Springfield on August 21st, 22nd & 23rd and the expense will be for mileage and per diem to be paid through the Victim Services travel line item in the budget.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve the travel request for the States Attorney's office as presented. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**CORONER - TRAVEL
REQUEST**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that Marty Leffler, Coroner has a travel request and he read his letter. He stated that Marty Leffler, Coroner is requesting to attend the 25th Annual Mediclegal Death and Homicide Investigation Conference in Collinsville on August 7th, 8th & 9th and the lodging will be \$70 per night.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve the travel request for Marty Leffler, Coroner as presented. David Rea seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter is made a part of these minutes.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
AGENCY - REPLACEMENT
HIRE**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the replacement hire for the Emergency Management Agency and he read a letter from Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management informing the County Board that he is requesting to hire one part time employee to fill the position of Planning Specialist which is 100% funded by our USDOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Danny Melvin made a motion to approve the replacement hire for the Emergency Management Agency. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter / email is made a part of these minutes.

**ANIMAL CONTROL -
PART TIME HIRE**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the part time hire for the Animal Control Department and he asked Thad Snell, Animal Control Supervisor to explain. Thad Snell, Animal Control Supervisor requested for a part time hire and that the part time they have is working when should not be because of contract conflict.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve the part time hire for the Animal Control Department as presented. Robert Pierce seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**SESSER FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT
- 1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker informed the County Board that an appointment to the Sesser Fire Protection District is needed due to the resignation of Eric McBride and his term will end April 30, 2020.

Danny Melvin made a motion to appoint Scott Ward to the Sesser Fire Protection District Board to replace Eric McBride's unexpired term ending April 30, 2020. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
HOUSING AUTHORITY -
2 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that two appointments are need for the Franklin County Housing Authority due to the passing of Richard Bartolotti, his term would have ended September 1, 2018 and the second appointment is for Kim Stubblefield who moved and her unexpired term ends June 18, 2022.

Danny Melvin made a motion to appoint Amy Spotanski-Tipton to the Franklin County Housing Authority to the unexpired term of Richard Bartolotti ending September 1, 2018 and the secondly appointing Gayla Long to replace Kim Stubblefield unexpired term ends June 18, 2022. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
CLERK, FRANKLIN
COUNTY SHERIFF, AND
FRANKLIN COUNTY
CORONER**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, Franklin County Sheriff and Franklin County Coroner.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve all three reports as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll vote, all voted yes.

Said reports are made a part of these minutes.

**REGIONAL
SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS - QUARTERLY
& ANNUAL REPORTS**

Chairman Randall Crocker stated that the next item on the agenda is the Regional Superintendent of School's Quarterly report and Annual report and he asked Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools to present these reports. Lorie LeQuatte, Franklin-Johnson-Massac-Williamson Regional Superintendent of Schools explained the quarterly report for period March 30, 2018 thru June 30, 2018 and the annual report for period July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018 to the County Board.

Stephen Leek made a motion to approve the Regional Superintendent of School's reports as presented. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

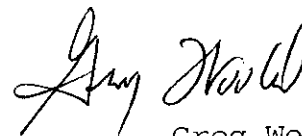
Said Regional Superintendent of School's Quarterly report and Annual report are made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Randall Crocker asked the Board if there were any questions. Jack Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Leek seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman Randall Crocker declared the meeting adjourned.



Randall Crocker
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder