

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jan 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman J. Larry Miller. 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 J. Larry Miller, John Gossett, Neil Hargis, Mark Kash, Ray Minor, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Randall Crocker and Jack Warren were absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Amos Abbott, E-911 Director; David Bartoni, Sheriff; Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency; Abby Dinn, States Attorney; Darla Fitzjerrells, Director of Court Services; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; Thad Snell, Animal Control Supervisor; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; Curtis Overton and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Ray Minor lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time. No one had any comments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked for approval of the previous months minutes which were not completed at this time therefore no one had a copy in their possession. But Ray Minor made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 22, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting sight unseen. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

Ray Minor made a motion to pay the claims on file. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
MILEAGE RATE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the Franklin County Mileage rate agreement and he explained this rate is set by the Illinois Department of Central Management Services Travel Reimbursement each year. This year it is \$0.56 / mile effective January 1, 2021.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the mileage rate as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-01.

**RELEASE CLOSED
SESSION MINUTES -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to release closed session minutes.

Ray Minor made a motion not to release closed session minutes. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**DESTROY CLOSED
SESSION TAPES -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval to destroy closed session tapes.

Kevin Weston made a motion to destroy the closed session tapes. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COURTHOUSE EXTERIOR
METAL FINISHES &
FIXTURES - SELECTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the selection of Courthouse Exterior Metal Finishes & Fixtures. White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C. presented exterior finishes and colors for the courthouse. The County Board decided to go with the finish as they were presented to the boards except to fine tune the color on the garage door.

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the finish as presented. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**PCO- 002 =
ADDITIONAL STRUCTURE
STEEL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the PCO - 002 Additional Structure Steel costing approximately \$5,500.00 and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston presented the potential change order (PCO) and he explained that the structural steel was shown on the drawing but it wasn't bid at a cost of \$4,869.30 per Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. After a discussion the County Board approved the additional cost.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the additional structure steel. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said PCO - 002 is made a part of these minutes.

**PHOENIX ELEVATOR
MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda is the Phoenix Elevator Maintenance Contract and he presented the contract and explained the contract is for maintenance for the elevator at the Campbell Building at a cost of \$210.00 per month and he asked for approval.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said contract is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2021-02.

**RULES OF THE COUNTY
BOARD - AMENDMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the amendment of the Rules of the County Board which were established at the December 17, 2002 Regular County Board meeting. Chairman J. Larry Miller is asking the County Board to amend number 9 of the Rules of the County Board changing the Committees to be as follows: 1. Finance (Salaries, Policy and Purchasing, Insurance, Tourism, Supervisor of Assessments / Mapping,

Economic Development); 2. Transportation (Road and Bridge, Building and Grounds); 3. Public Safety (Sheriff's Office, Juvenile Detention Center, EMA, Animal Control, Waste Management, Bi-County Health Board, 911 / Emergency Services) instead of 1. Finance, Salaries; 2. Road and Bridge, Public Buildings; 3. Health & Environment, Zoning, Rabies, C.D. & Insurance.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the change of the committees as requested by the County Board Chairman. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said changes are made a part of these minutes.

**2021 CALENDAR -
AMENDMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the amending of the 2021 County Calendar and he is asking the County Board for this change on the meeting days & times. Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the meetings will still be on the first & third Monday of each month, there will no longer be a County Board meetings on Tuesday unless a holiday occurs on Monday. The first Monday having the Finance meeting starting at 5:00 p.m.; Transportation meeting starting at 5:15 p.m.; and the Public Safety meeting starting at 5:30 p.m. On the third Monday of the month the Committee meetings will be as stated for the first Monday's schedule with the County Board meeting to follow the Public Safety meeting and / or the County Board meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.

Mark Kash made a motion to approve these changes. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote all voted yes.

Said changes are made a part of these minutes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
MOTOR FUEL TAX
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the County Motor Fuel Maintenance Tax Resolution and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained to the County Board this is a resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code section number 21-00000-00-GM is hereby appropriated \$977,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021 and he asked for approval.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-01.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
ENGINEER SALARY
RESOLUTION**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the resolution for County Engineer salary and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to present the resolution from the Illinois Department of Transportation - Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. Mike Rolla, County Engineer explained that is resolution states that my salary is \$112,400 with a 1.5% raise for 2021 that is set by the state for the County Engineer's Salary between the Department of Transportation and the County of Franklin.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said resolution is made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-02.

**ORDINANCE ISSUANCE
OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), in one or more series, of the County of Franklin, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,500,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the County and paying for costs related thereto and he presented this ordinance and suggest passing the ordinance, with the option of cancelling within thirty days.

John Gossett made a motion to approve this ordinance as presented. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes except Kevin Weston voted no.

Said ordinance is made a part of these minutes as Ordinance No. 2021-01.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
BUDGET ASSISTANCE
PROPOSAL - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Franklin County Budget Assistance proposal and he asked Rhett Barke to explain. Rhett Barke from the law firm: Gilbert, Huffman, Prosser, Hewson and Barke (GHPHB) presented a written proposal and spoke to the County Board per the phone. Rhett Barke informed the County Board that this proposal will provide the County a flat rate contract of \$20,000 for 2021, \$21,000 for 2022 and \$22,000 for 2023 in return for specified legal services of collective bargaining negotiations, pre-arbitration grievance services, general labor matters and financial consultation services and assistance with the County budget annually with the caveat that any arbitrations, whether grievance or interest arbitration, would be billed at \$200 per hour. John Gossett questioned why the County needed his services for a three year period. Discussion followed.

Ray Minor made a motion for a two year contract with the amounts staying the same as presented for the years 2021 and 2022. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said proposal is made a part of these minutes.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
STORAGE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Southern Illinois Storage claim for monthly rent December 17, 2020 thru January 16, 2021 in the amount of \$175.00.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the payment to Southern Illinois Storage. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

REND INVESTMENTS LLC

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Rend Investments LLC claim for the monthly rental of property for construction parking in the amount of \$900.00.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the payment to Rend Investments LLC. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**NAVIGATE BUILDING
SOLUTIONS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Navigate Building Solutions claim for December 2020 Preconstruction Services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the payment to Navigate Building Solutions. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

FAGER MCGEE

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. claim for Project No: 3925 for the period of December 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$277,691.95.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the payment to Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

WARNING LITES

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Warning Lites of Southern Illinois LLC claim for sandy barrels and orange flourescent sheeting in the amount of \$1,470.00.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve the payment to Warning Lites of Southern Illinois LLC. Brad Wilson seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

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

**CROSSWALK COMMUNITY
ACTION AGENCY - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to Crosswalk Community Action Agency with Mark Miller and David Rea's terms expired on December 31, 2020. Chairman J. Larry Miller recommends Curtis Overton to replace Mark Miller and reappointing David Rea to a two year terms ending December 31, 2022.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve the recommendations by the chairman. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY
COMMUNITY MENTAL
"708" HEALTH - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to Franklin County Community Mental "708" Health Board with Gerald Owens and Ryan Patton's terms expired on December 31, 2020. Chairman J. Larry Miller recommends reappointing Gerald Owens and Ryan Patton to a four year terms ending December 31, 2024.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the recommendations by the chairman. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLERK,
CORONER & SHERIFF**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk, due to COVID no monthly report; Franklin County Coroner, December monthly report; and Franklin County Sheriff reports for service from December 22, 2020 thru December 31, 2020 and from January 1, 2021 thru January 18, 2021.

Neil Hargis 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Brad Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. There being no further business Chairman J. Larry Miller declared the meeting adjourned.



J. Larry Miller
Franklin County Board Chairman



Greg Woolard
County Clerk and Recorder