

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

Jun 21, 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, Jack Warren, Kevin Weston and Brad Wilson. Randall Crocker was 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; Cindy Miklos, Supervisor of Assessments; Mike Rolla, County Highway; Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and Rocky Morris and other interest parties.

PLEDGE

Chairman J. Larry Miller lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the public if there were comments at this time. Rocky Morris asked questions to Abby Dinn, Franklin County States Attorney, about cases that are being kicked out of court.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Regular County Board Meeting. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

COUNTY CLAIMS

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

**MIKE & JACQUELINE
BARTONI SURVEY -
VARIANCE FOR
EASEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the variance for easement on Mike & Jacqueline Bartoni survey and he read a letter from Victor Shockley, Professional Land Surveyor from John H. Crawford & Associates describing the reason for this variance easement and Mike Rolla, County Engineer, recommends approval.

John Gossett made a motion to approve the variance for easement on Mike & Jacqueline Bartoni survey. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said letter and survey is made a part of these minutes. The survey is recorded as document number 2021-2782.

**NICHOLAS GRIFFITH
SURVEY - VARIANCE
FOR EASEMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the first item on the agenda is the variance for easement on Nicholas Griffith survey and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, stated that this variance easement was discussed with Donald Bullard Land Surveyor and recommends approval.

Jack Warren made a motion to approve the variance for easement on Nicholas Griffith survey. Brad Wilson seconded the motion.

**EMA OFFICE TO BE
MOVED TO CAMPBELL
BUILDING**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the moving of the EMA Office to the Campbell Building basement after the completion of the new courthouse and he is asking for approval after the Circuit Clerk has moved out of the Campbell Building basement.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the moving of the EMA Office to the Campbell Building basement. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**911 OFFICE TO BE
MOVED TO CAMPBELL
BUILDING**

Chairman J. Larry Miller also informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the moving of the 911 Office to the Campbell Building basement after the completion of the new courthouse and he is asking for approval after the Circuit Clerk has moved out of the Campbell Building basement.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the moving of the 911 Office to the Campbell Building basement. Neil Hargis seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

WEBSITE - UPDATE

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the update on the website for Franklin County and presented an agreement between Franklin County and James Arthur & Company, Inc. and an invoice showing a quote for \$7,956.00 to create a redesign and development of the website. Chairman J. Larry Miller also referred an email that was sent to Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board, and Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency showing more detailed procedures about the website and he is asking for approval.

Ray Minor made a motion to approve the website update. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote all voted yes.

Said agreement, invoice & email are made a part of these minutes. The agreement is Agreement No. 2021-07.

**COURTHOUSE INTERIOR
COLOR BOARDS -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Courthouse Interior Color Boards. Kevin Weston stated that this was previously presented and discussed at tonight's committee meeting.

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

**FURNITURE TO BE
PURCHASED FOR
COURTHOUSE -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval for furniture to be purchased for the new Courthouse and he asked Kevin Weston to explain. Kevin Weston informed the County Board that he has talked with Judge Tom Tedeschi and Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk about furniture and they both are in agreement and he asked for approval.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the purchase of the furniture for the new courthouse. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COURTHOUSE FURNITURE
- REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the request for bids on the Courthouse furniture. Kevin Weston stated to start the bid process on the Courthouse furniture.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the request for bids on the Courthouse furniture. Mark Kash seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**ABBOTT AMBULANCE
SERVICE - RENEW
CONTRACT OR REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is to renew the contract with Abbott Ambulance Service or request for proposals and he asked Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency to explain. Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency stated that the current contract with Abbott Ambulance Service will expire April, 2022 so Franklin County need to renew at this time. The County Board thinks there needs to be some changes to their current contract and Ryan Buckingham, Director of Emergency Management Agency will work on changes that are need to be made.

Jack Warren made motion to renew the contract with Abbott Ambulance Service. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, the voting was as follows: Everyone voted yes except for John Gossett and Mark Kash voted no. Motion carried.

**DELINQUENT TAX
PROGRAM -
RESOLUTIONS**

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

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

Said resolutions are made a part of these minutes as Resolution No. 2021-25 and 2021-26.

**JUVENILE DETENTION
CENTER - REFINANCE**

Chairman J. Larry Miller informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the refinance for the Juvenile Detention Center and he is asking for approval to check into a lower interest rate.

Neil Hargis made a motion to approve looking into a lower interest rate. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE -
HIRE 2 OFFICERS -
APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the hiring of two officers for the Sheriff's office and he informed the County Board that this will need to be tabled at this time.

**CORONER'S OFFICER
PROPOSAL - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Coroner's office proposal and he informed the County Board that this will need to be tabled at this time.

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
OFFICE TO BE MOVED
TO THE NEW
COURTHOUSE FIRST
FLOOR - APPROVAL**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of moving the Domestic Violence Office to the first floor of the new Courthouse and he informed the County Board that this will need to be tabled at this time.

**FAGER-MCGEE
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC -
#8**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #8 and this is for the period April 1, 2021 thru April 30, 2021 with Project No. 3925 in the amount of \$874,685.25.

Kevin Weston 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.

**HOLCOMB FOUNDATION
ENGINEERING (HFE)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE) and this is for cylinder testing in the amount of \$144.00.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE). 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 and this is for May, 2021 Construction Services in the amount of \$16,500.00.

Kevin Weston 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.

**REND INVESTMENTS LLC
- FOR JULY**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Rend Investments LLC and this is for July, 2021 Rental of Property for Construction parking in the amount of \$900.00.

Kevin Weston 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.

**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
STORAGE - FINAL
PAYMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Southern Illinois Storage and this is for the final payment, moving out the storage unit in the amount of \$90.32.

Kevin Weston 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.

**WHITE & BORGOGNONI
ARCHITECTS P.C.**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C. (WBA) invoice #12 and this is for 20% Construction Administration plus reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$16,717.30.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to White & Borgognoni Architects, P.C. (WBA). 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
COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INC - #
9**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Fager-McGee Commercial Construction Inc. invoice #9 and this is for the period May 1, 2021 thru May 31, 2021 with Project No. 3925 in the amount of \$955,579.25.

Kevin Weston 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.

**HOLCOMB FOUNDATION
ENGINEERING (HFE)**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE) and this is for fireproofing observation in the amount of \$346.70.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Holcomb Foundation Engineering (HFE). 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.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF LABOR**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the Illinois Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Division and this is for in refers to Universal Moving Solutions, Inc. - move from Franklin County Courthouse to Campbell Building with IDOL Case no. 2020 PW OK 06-2900 regarding underpayment of wages in the amount of \$1,227.57.

Kevin Weston made a motion to approve the payment to Illinois Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Division. 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.

**BOARD OF REVIEW - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Board of Review and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN WILLIAMSON
BI-COUNTY HEALTH - 2
APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin Williamson Bi-County Health and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**FRANKLIN HOSPITAL -
1 APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Franklin Hospital and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**HILL CITY WATER
DISTRICT - 1
APPOINTMENT**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated that the next item on the agenda is the appointment to the Hill City Water District and informed the County Board that this appointment will need to be tabled at this time.

**COUNTY CLERK &
CORONER REPORTS**

Chairman J. Larry Miller stated the next item on the agenda are the monthly reports from the Franklin County Clerk & Franklin County Coroner.

Brad Wilson made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Jack Warren 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 informed the County Board that a closed session is need to discuss union contracts and coal lease.

Kevin Weston made a motion to go into closed session at 6:53 p.m. John Gossett seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**RETURN TO OPEN
SESSION**

Kevin Weston made a motion to return to the open meeting at 7:21 p.m. Ray Minor seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman J. Larry Miller asked the Board if there were any questions. Jack Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kash 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