

Land Bank Board Meeting Minutes
Courthouse Annex Conference room
11/13/2025

Meeting was called to order by: Vince Witherup at 1:02 PM

In attendance:

- ☑ Vince Witherup-Residential Representative
Albert Abramovic-Commissioner
- ☑ Samuel Breene-Commissioner
- ✓ Ken Bryan-Commissioner
- ☑ Diona Brick-Fiscal
- ☑ Julie Thompson-Tax Claim
Robert Walter-Assessment
Mary Swisher-Assessment
William Moon Jr- Chair
- ✓ Warren Thomas-Residential Representative
Josh Sterling- VCRPC
Amanda Power-City of Franklin
- ☑ Frank Pankratz
- ☑ Trenton Moulin

Motion was made by Sam Breene to accept the 10/09/2025 minutes, 2nd by Diona Brick; all in favor.

Introduction of any guests:

Emlenton Borough – Carol Wilson, Travis Young and Tim Kriebel
Oil Region Rising Indivisible – Ralph Montgomery and Bob Hines

Public Comment: None

Treasurer's Report

Diona Brick stated there is currently \$52,037.06 in the Register & Recorder's demo fund, however \$22,750 is encumbered for the demo of 14 Wilson Ave.

Warren Thomas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report 2nd by Frank Pankratz; all in favor.

Old Business:

Update on 1416 Liberty Street - Julie read an update from Amanda Power. She stated that the Redevelopment Authority was meeting at noon today and will vote on taking ownership of the house. Also \$20,000.00 of demolition funds were moved to food assistance and this property did not qualify for those funds since it had been inhabited recently.

Update on 101 East Seventh Street - Commissioner Bryan spoke to a Correctional Facility Officer where the owner is incarcerated and they will cooperate with us in getting the deed signed by the inmate.

New Business

Emlenton Borough – Funding to demo 711 Kerr St due to fire damage – The Emlenton Borough representatives stated that the owner cannot be found and the structure is leaning and needs taken down. It was suggested that they speak to the Code Enforcement Officers from Franklin and Oil City to see how they handle these situations. Also, the City of Oil City recently got a property thru Eminent Domain. They could explain how that works to the Borough so they could get ownership first, so it could be tore down.

Julie received a phone call from the couple that own 402 Pacific Street and 1315 Sassafras Street. They purchased the homes with the intention of rehabbing them but the funds are no longer available and they would like to donate them to the Land Bank. A motion was made by Trenton to table this until we can speak to the City of Franklin, Diona Brick 2nd the motion; all in favor.

Julie stated that a record number of properties were sold at the Upset Tax Sale. There were new buyers including one from out of state that purchased a lot. We will watch to see what they do with the properties.

Next Meeting-January 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Motion to adjourned the meeting at 1:30 was made by Warren Thomas 2nd by Ken Bryan; all in favor

Submitted by
Julie Thompson