



June 2026 **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The Franklin County Commissioners proudly presented the June Employee of the Month award to Ellen Hill. Ellen has been employed by Franklin County since May 2023 and serves as a procurement assistant in the county's procurement department. June's Employee of the Month recipient was determined by the Special Thanks and Recognition (STAR) Committee, which received 11 nominations for the June award, four of which were for Ellen.

"Ellen is outstanding in many ways, but her strongest contributions to the county come from her exceptional self-reliance, communication and problem-solving abilities," said one nomination. "Ellen consistently demonstrates strong budget awareness and remarkable attention to detail, ensuring accuracy and efficiency in every task she handles. Her ability to manage complex responsibilities with minimal oversight makes her a dependable and trusted member of our team."

"Ellen is a wealth of knowledge and is able to answer just about every weird question that is thrown at her," said another employee. "Ellen amazes me every month with her ability to navigate unique, one-off situations. It's amazing to me that Ellen has only been with the county for three years because the breadth of knowledge she possesses about procurement processes is so advanced. You would think she has been doing her job for 20 years. Ellen has the solution for everything and, if not, she knows someone who can provide the answer."

"Ellen has one of the most challenging jobs due to the supply chain vulnerability in past years," said one nomination.

"The purchasing process is much more difficult than that of the past. When an order is placed and the supply is not relatively available, Ellen has to identify other options to fill the order faster in order to keep county business uninterrupted. If the price goes up a lot when the order is quoted, due to the inflation, Ellen has to be attentive to acquire more competitive quotes. From time to time, it's very challenging to fill the demand with available supplies with a balance between speed and reasonable price."

The Franklin County Commissioners congratulated Ellen on her recognition and thanked her for her excellent work and for exuding such a high standard of knowledge, leadership and excellence to the employees and residents of Franklin County.

