

Kayci Heil

White County Clerk & Recorder

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON: January 20, 2026

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Tuesday the 20th day of January, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by County Board Chairperson Cassie Pigg.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call, the following Board members responded as being present, which represented a quorum: Amanda Cannon, Ken Usery, David South, Cassie Pigg and Clint Spencer was absent.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery seconded by Mrs. Cannon, to approve the minutes of the White County Board meeting. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

COUNTY OFFICER REPORTS

County Clerk: Clerk Heil told the Board that they won the window decorating contest. They shared their winnings in pizza with all County offices. She told the Board that she attended the IACCR conference and updated them on the new postal service rule with postmarking.

County Treasurer: Treasurer Baxley sent the report in writing. The audit has started and hopefully will be done in a week or two. Tax sale is on January 30th.

Circuit Clerk: Not in attendance

Ambulance: Mr. Allen told the Board that the second ambulance has come in and is waiting to install a couple of items and State inspections.

State's Attorney: Mr. Neal told the Board that everything was going well.

Sheriff: Sheriff Weiss told the Board that there is year in total for all 911 calls in their packet. He told the Board that there were additional funds needed to fix the bathroom in the ambulance building. He also mentioned that there needs to be zoning done on the HVAC system in the Courthouse. Sheriff Weiss wanted to bring to everyone's attention the great service that Adam Allen and Alan Wurst provide to the County.

Supervisor of Assessments: Mr. Baxley told the Board that they sent the tentative abstract into the IDOR. Board of Review will meet in January. He then explained a little bit of the process to the Board.

Highway: Not in attendance

EMA: Mr. Wurst had a busy month. He also told the Board that he is putting on a storm spotting class on February 21, 2026 at the Lion's Club.

TB Officer: Not in attendance

Coroner: Not in attendance

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon SB25 is a bill that will limit utility bills, but will effect the local solar, battery, and wind ordinances. The UCCI is working with Counties to do an update and then we will amend ours when they are ready.

Chairman Pigg asked if there was any public comment: No public comment

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was read by Chairman Pigg.

1. Discussion and possible approval of the Board Meeting schedule for 2026.
2. Discussion and possible approval of the payment to VET Environmental for Quarter 4 sampling in the amount of \$13,484.80.
3. Discussion and possible approval of the PTAX 451 for the Supervisor of Assessments.
4. Discussion and possible approval of the CEO Acknowledgment and Designation Form for Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board, Inc. as grant subrecipient.
5. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 12-08-380-007 to Chad VanMatre for \$1000.00.
6. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 13-13-181-019 to Stress & Trauma Treatment Center, Donald Buckman for \$5000.00.
7. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 13-14-226-023 to Edip Can Katilmis for \$1002.00.
8. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 19-01-210-003 to Otis Dell Mercer for \$1106.00.
9. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 19-01-210-005 to Otis Dell Mercer for \$1107.00.
10. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for MS-50-090-4 to Alexander Development and Leasing Company LLC for \$877.77.
11. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 19-01-231-001 to Morris & Patricia DeLong for \$748.46.

Mrs. Cannon asked if item 2 could be removed from the consent agenda

MOTION was made by Usery, seconded by South to approve items 1 and 3-11 on the consent agenda. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried. Spencer is absent.

Mr. South wanted to know if this was something that can be billed out. Clerk Heil told the Board that she bills out the percentage that each municipality pays. There was more discussion on how long this will continue to happen and if there is anything that we can do to get it done at a cheaper price or faster.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Cannon to approve item 2. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried. Spencer is absent.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible approval of moving all Carmi voting precincts (Carmi 12,13,14,16,18,19, and 20) from the Fairgrounds to the First Christian Church. (tabled item)

Clerk Heil told the Board that she was fine with leaving the polling place for the time being but would like to move it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible approval for a donation to the Southern Illinois Critter Fixers.

No motion was entertained or heard from the floor.

CLAIMS

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. South, to approve all bills. Vote by acclamation. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Pigg asked the Board if there was any need for an executive session for litigation.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Cannon, to go into executive session.
Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Cannon, to come out of executive session.
Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

County Board Member Non-Action Items and Comments

Next meeting will be February 17th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the White County Courthouse.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Cannon, to adjourn. Vote by acclamation.
All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.