

# Kayci Heil

White County Clerk & Recorder

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON:**

**October 15, 2025**

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Wednesday the 15th day of October, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by County Vice Board Chairperson Amanda Cannon.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Usery seconded by Mr. South, 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 petition sign ins start on October 27<sup>th</sup> and the last date is November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

County Treasurer: Written report was submitted, and they are still collecting property taxes, and they sent out the first distribution last week.

Circuit Clerk: Not in attendance

Ambulance: Mr. Allen stated that they finished \$11000 for the good.

State's Attorney: Mr. Neal stated that they have a jury trial next week and everything was good.

Sheriff: Sheriff Weiss stated that they got through the fall festivals. He also told the Board that they did a search warrant in Eldorado that was a stealing from a gun burglary that happened just North of 141 in Norris City and ended up getting 43 guns and 4 pounds of crystal meth. He mentioned that they were working with ATF to deal with the stolen guns.

Supervisor of Assessments: Not in attendance

Highway: Did not have anything to report.

EMA: Mr. Wurst told the Board of the call outs that he went on this month. He told the Board that he went to the Region 11 IEMA quarterly meeting. He stated that he also has submitted all the required documents to get the County back up to standards. He also told the Board that he was donated a vehicle and was greatly thankful.

TB Officer: Not in attendance

Coroner: Mr. Wurst told the Board that Mr. Marsh had a medical emergency and was doing well.

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon stated that the FY 26 budget is on the agenda. It is a balanced budget. It is budgeted for \$6,521,197.65. Projected rate on the levy is an increase, but we may have to do a truth in taxation hearing. We were able to adjust per the budget by the liability contract that is on the agenda, but it is updated. The Egyptian Health Department got their information in for the budget as well as the renovations for the annex to be included. Mrs. Cannon stated that they really appreciated everyone's hard work to get the budget where it needed to be.

Vice Chairperson Cannon asked if there was any public comment:

Mrs. James asked if anyone had heard anything back from Ameren. Mr. Neal told the Board that he sent the letter out and they had 30-60 days to respond.

Lauren Gelmetti, with Pivot Energy, was in attendance and she addressed the Board on the Pivot application that was on the agenda. She told the Board about the changes that were being made by her company. She told the Board that they were going to forego planned future development to the immediate west of the closet neighbor, who is located adjacent to the North of the proposed project and preserve the Western views. Pivot has also extended a direct screening stipend to this neighbor so she can design and install landscaping on her own property. This is in addition to the required screening by the County. The project is set back over 475 feet from the nearest neighboring residents. This is three times the required amount. They also were going to be donating to Pets at Risk for \$10,000. She also wanted to emphasize to the Board that they are an owner operator to their project.

## **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was read by Vice Chairperson Cannon.

1. Discussion and possible approval of resolution to acknowledge corporate max rate adjustment.
2. Discussion and possible approval of the renewal of the liability, property, cybersecurity and unemployment insurance with ICRMT.
3. Discussion and possible approval paying VET Environmental Engineering LLC, \$14,753.45, for the quarter 3 sampling.

4. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for selling parcel 19-01-210-001 to Rusty & Vivian Miller for \$589.02.
5. Discussion and possible approval of FY 26 Regional Office of Education proposed budget.
6. Discussion and possible approval of an agreement and resolution for Mutual Aid Box Alarm System to be covered under mutual aid for the Ambulance Service.

Vice Chairman Pigg asked if anyone would like any of the items removed from the agenda.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Spencer to approve items on the consent agenda. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried, with Pigg recorded as absent.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and possible approval of White County Nuisance ordinance.

Mr. Harmon told the Board that there is safety concern on a property in the public and that there is no mechanism for the County to address this. Putting this ordinance in place offers an opportunity to address it. A complaint can be made, and the item will be reviewed. The property that's in question has an opportunity to appeal and it can be overturned. Mr. Neal stated that it will put pressure on the Sheriff's Office as far as determining if the property falls under the ordinance.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Usery, to approve the nuisance ordinance. Vote by acclamation. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried, with Pigg recorded absent

2. Discussion and possible approval of FY26 provisional budget.

This is to place the budget on display in the Clerk's Office. It must be on display for 15 days.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. South, to approve putting the FY26 provisional budget on display. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried, with Pigg recorded as absent.

3. Discussion and possible approval of the Opioid Fund to purchase a squad car.

This item was already approved. Sheriff Weiss wanted to tell the Board that the money has already been given to the State's Attorney Office, and he can approve that. Mr. Neal told the Board that he submitted it to the AG's Office and had not received any complaints. Treasurer Baxley told the Board that he spoke with the auditor, and they did not like the language that we're using, as far as using it as a police vehicle. He said if it comes back from the AG's Office that if it comes back that those funds were not supposed to be used for that then it would come back as a negative comment in the audit.

**NO MOTION WAS NEEDED.**

**4. Discussion and possible approval of the Pivot Solar application.**

Mr. Harmon stated that there was a question about the approval of the statute as far as Robert's Rules of Order. Other items can fail by no action being made due to the way it's specifically written in statute for the State. The item came back on the agenda because of the way the state wrote, it that there must be an action one way or the other. Mr. Harmon stated that the item on the agenda is in the affirmative. Go ahead and make a motion for the item that's on the agenda, and then they vote against it, and a no is a no vote, and then a yes is a yes vote. That way, it's just clear.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Usery, to vote on the application. Item failed by roll call. Motion carried, with Pigg recorded as absent.

**5. Discussion and possible approval of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. South, to approve the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act resolution. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried, with Pigg recorded as absent.

## **CLAIMS**

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve all bills. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried, with Pigg recorded as absent.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairperson Cannon asked the Board if there was any need for an executive session. Mr. Weiss informed the Board that there was a litigation item for executive session, with Sheriff Weiss, State's Attorney Neal, and Bellwether invited in to the meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to go into executive session. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer, 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 November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the White County Courthouse.

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