

Kayci Heil

White County Clerk & Recorder

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON:

November 19, 2025

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Wednesday the 19th day of November, at 7:43 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: Clint Spencer, Amanda Cannon, David South, Ken Usery and Cassie Pigg.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery seconded by Mr. Spencer, 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 she learned at the zone meeting about how the State is wanting to introduce Property Fraud and a person must be a specialized individual to handle that and that the zone may all go into and use that individual for the group. She also told the Board that they talked about how website will need to be ADA compatible and we will have to find someone to handle that for the County.

County Treasurer: Treasurer Baxley submitted his reports in writing. For the general fund we had receipts of \$1,433,839.00 and expenses of \$769,867.00. Leaving us a balance of \$2,177,527.00. He informed the Board that today was the second installment date. All property taxes minus about 5% has been collected and that is normal.

Circuit Clerk: Clerk Fulkerson told the Board that they had started the electronic citations, and she got that program through a grant. She said that it works wonderfully and it saves her office a lot of time. She also said that they will have a new grant coming out that is going to be about \$100,000.

Ambulance: Mr. Allen said that they finished the month with a loss with the government shut down, but they should be getting that money back. He said that they should be in the good \$91,000 for the year. He also wanted to say a huge thank you to the Asher Charitable Foundation. He said that they have been detrimental in helping get funds for the ambulance service. They cut us a check for just over \$659,000 and that is going to be used to purchase two

new ambulances, have those equipped with strike power loads, the cots and everything we need. We are extremely grateful for this donation. He also spoke about inflation and how in just the two years that the price of ambulances have went up.

State's Attorney: Mr. Neal said that everything is going well and the departments have been working very diligently lately and they have been busy.

Sheriff: Sheriff Weiss said that they have been busy. They have had a lot of stolen vehicles and stolen ATV's and UTV's. He is encouraging everyone to lock up their property. He also stated that over the last couple weeks there have been 3 federal indictments from individuals in the County selling narcotics. He said that there is a Flock presentation later on in the meeting.

Supervisor of Assessments: Not in attendance

Highway: Mr. Ray said he had something on the consent agenda. His item is for transferring funds into matching tax. That's a fund that we levy to match federal projects. Typically, federal projects pay 80% and then the county will have to match 20% of that cost and that is only if we hit a certain rate. If we miss out on the rate then we lose funds. The transfer is to hit that rate. He got a grant to chip surface a road west of Crossville out the Centerville Road. Mr. South asked if the cost of graveling a road a mile increased over the last couple of years. He said that it has increased substantially. Chip and seal has increased about 20%.

EMA: Mr. Wurst said everything is going well. He has taken in 3 donations from Slays Restoration, Gary Cates, and Little Giants. It was \$5700.00. Mr. Wurst told the Board about all the training and contacts that he has been doing to help him do his job efficiently.

TB Officer: Not in attendance

Coroner: Not in attendance

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon stated that he had a few items on the agenda but was available for comment. He wanted to thank the department heads through the process of the budget. Clerk Fulkerson did a fantastic job on reaching alternate sources of funding.

Chairman Pigg asked if there was any public comment:

Tammy Gwaltney with SICF (Southern Illinois Community Foundation) and they are located on Marion, Illinois and help the lower 17 counties. They are an organization that supports the work of all the nonprofits in the area. They help find grant funding and how to write grants. She told the Board more about what her company does and how they can help nonprofits.

Richard informed the Board about Flock cameras and individuals accessing their data and using it for purposes other than what it is designed for. He expressed his concern for not getting those cameras.

Tiffany James asked if the 60 days is going to restart for Ameren. The dead trees has been replaced with small shrubs. Mr. Neal sent the letter to the St. Louis but is sending them a second notice certified.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was read by Chairman Pigg.

1. Discussion and possible approval to close out the First Mid Bank accounts for Hawthorne Drainage, Non-Resident Fund and Township Bridge Fund.
2. Discussion and possible approval to open a new bank account at People National Bank.
3. Discussion and possible approval of moving all Carmi voting precincts (Carmi 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, and 20) from the Fairgrounds to First Christian Church.
4. Discussion and possible approval of an intergovernmental agreement between White County and Kane County Juvenile Detention Center.
5. Discussion and possible approval for paying VET Environmental \$3821.15 for quarter 3 reporting, mobilizing and demobilizing.
6. Discussion and possible approval for a letter of agreement between Bellwether LLC and White County.
7. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for County Federal Aid Matching Tax Fund.

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

Mr. South made a motion to remove item 3 from the consent agenda.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. South to approve items 1-2, 4-7 on the consent agenda. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

Mr. South wanted to know why we were doing this. Clerk Heil told the Board that she had not heard anything. The church has a nicer facility and with the election judges being an older age we need a facility that has better climate control. Mr. South said it needs to be tabled to see what the fair board is going to do at their meeting. Mr. South thinks that there is a separation of church and state and that may cause people not to vote. Clerk Heil informed him that we held the polling place in a church prior to being moved to the fairgrounds. Mr. Tinsley asked when the fair board was meeting, because they would not talk to him about a date.

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mrs. Cannon to approve items to table this item. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible approval for the renewal of the County's Healthcare.

Chairman Pigg stated that she would like to see this item tabled so they can investigate this further. Mr. Billington was in attendance and went through their renewal with them.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. South, to table this item. Vote by acclamation. Motion carried

2. Discussion and possible approval of a donation for new ambulances and payment to Heartland Wheels Inc for \$532800.00.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve this donation and payment. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible approval of getting Flock cameras for the County.

Sheriff Weiss stated that Flock cameras are not new. They are in Posey County, Indiana and that was how they were able to recover some stolen guns. He gave the Board a brief run down on how they worked. A presentation was done by the company. They addressed the security measures with the cameras.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to table this item. Vote by acclamation. Motion carried

4. Discussion and possible approval of the White County IL FY 26 budget.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Usery, to approve the budget. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible approval of the White County Appropriation Ordinance.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Usery, to approve the appropriation ordinance. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and possible approval of the White County Tax Levy Ordinance.

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Usery, to approve the tax levy. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and possible approval of the FOP Contract.

A question was asked by the public what type of raise they would be receiving. It is an 8% raise over 3 years.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. South, to approve the FOP contract. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried. With Usery voting no.

CLAIMS

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Cannon, 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. Sheriff and States Attorney was invited in.

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

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Usery, 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 December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the White County Courthouse.

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