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White County Clerk & Recorder

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON: December 17, 2025

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Wednesday the 17th day of December, 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: Clint Spencer, Amanda Cannon, Ken Usery, Cassie Pigg and David South was absent.

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 reported that everything was going good in her office.

County Treasurer: Treasurer Baxley reported that the County had an ending balance of \$1985538 for the month. He told the Board that he sent out the delinquent notices and that they have done their second distribution.

Circuit Clerk: Nothing to report

Ambulance: Mr. Allen told the Board that he went to get the new ambulances in Arkansas, but only brought one back due to a airbag sensor. When it is fixed, it will be delivered to the County. Mr. Allen expressed his extreme gratitude to the Absher Foundation for their donation.

State's Attorney: Mr. Neal stated that they have 2 trials slated for next month.

Sheriff: Mr. Weiss submitted his report in writing. He told the Board that they did their yearly Shop with a Cop and was able to help over 40 children.

Supervisor of Assessments: Not in attendance

Highway: Mr. Ray stated that he had a couple things on the consent agenda. One is authorizing the funds to be spent on maintaining the roads next year. The other item is authorizing the funds to pay his salary for next year out of motor fuel and federal funds.

EMA: Mr. Wurst said everything was going well. He took a donation of a flat screen tv. He stated that he assisted with a structure fire in Crossville and a winter weather event that resulted in a roll over.

TB Officer: Not in attendance

Coroner: Not in attendance

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon stated that they will be attending the Illinois Association of County Clerk and Recorder's next month. The quarter four variance report is in draft one right now and waiting for the budget to be closed out.

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 appointment of D. Caleb Hughes to the Southeastern Illinois Economic Development Authority Board for a 3 year term.
2. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for parcel 05-20-231-007 to James L. Stinson Trust for \$2,044.34.
3. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for parcel 05-20-231-008 to James L. Stinson Trust for \$2,214.88.
4. Discussion and possible approval for the Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary
5. Discussion and possible approval for the Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Maintenance of White County Roads under the Illinois Highway Code

Chairman Pigg asked if item 1 could be removed from the consent agenda

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Usery to approve items 2-5 on the consent agenda. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer to approve item 1. Vote passed by roll call, with Pigg abstaining. Motion carried.

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)

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

2. Discussion and possible approval for the renewal of the County's Healthcare. (tabled item)

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve the healthcare renewal and go with PanAmerica. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible approval of getting Flock cameras for the County (tabled item)

Mr. Harmon stated that it was brought up that this could be seen as overreach by the County Board, as this is operations within the sheriff's department and it should be handled by a law enforcement specialist.

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible approval of the FY 26 White County Tax Levy Ordinance.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Usery, if the item is voted on by roll call, to approve this item. Motion stalled on a 2-2 vote with Spencer and Usery voting no.

Mr. Harmon advised that they do not have an approved levy and that a motion could be made with a condition on it.

There was discussion amongst the board members about what needs to be done to get the levy approved and what the County needs to have to operate on. If it goes back to just levying the 5% the budget will be upside down an estimate of \$336,000 for the next year.

MOTION was made by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mrs. Cannon, to reconsider this item and bring it back to the agenda. Vote by acclamation. Motion carried

MOTION was made by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Usery, to reduce the corporate fund from \$1370496.32 to \$1210466.32.

MOTION was made by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. Usery, amending his motion to the 5% of previous year levy \$133803.19 in the corporate levy. Vote passed by roll call, Usery voted no. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible approval to repair bathrooms in the ambulance barn.

Sheriff Weiss informed the board that there was a leak in the women's bathroom, and it got under the tile on the floor. Something will need to be done, to keep the mold out.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve the repairs. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible approval for 1197 Union contract for the Circuit Clerk's office.

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

4. Discussion and possible approval on the ETC grant.

Chairman Pigg told the Board that this was the second round of the ETC grant and we got support from the Saline County Board and was able to get this grant. She wanted this grant to go towards what it really should be used for as far as economic growth. Jeff Vaughn, with Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission addressed the Board. Chairman Pigg told the Board that she would like to use this grant to hire a grant writer for all White County to use, as well as offering small business grants.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve the grant to hire a grant writer and small business grants. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

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

MOTION was made by Mrs. Cannon, 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 January 20th, 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.