

# Kayci Heil

White County Clerk & Recorder

## **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WHITE COUNTY TRUTH IN TAXATION 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 6:30 p.m. and was called to order by Chairman Cassie Pigg.

Chairman Cassie Pigg led the meeting in 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 and Cassie Pigg were all present. David South was absent

Chairman Pigg called the hearing to order and it is going to be conducted in accordance with 35ILCS 2100/18-55. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide the citizens of White County a voice on the White County Levy. Due to the increases in the fund it resulted in a 121% increase of the proposed increase.

Chairman Pigg stated that 35 ILCS 100/18-55 does not provide for a dialog during this hearing. This is the publics opportunity to speak and the boards opportunity to listen. A limit of 5 minutes shall be placed upon each member of the public who wishes to address the board members.

Mr. Richard Cook, addressed the Board with his concerns about the meeting taking place in November. He also talked about his concerns with the increases in salaries and other expenses. As well as paying Bellwether for doing the budget as a third party instead of the elected officials doing it.

Mr. Andrew Elliott addressed the Board about a letter that he got from the Treasurer that stated that they increased the investments by over 1000%.

Mr. Baxley explained that investments went up but that did not clear up everything. Mr. Baxley stated that there was a huge decrease in revenue.

Chairman Pigg stated that stated that there is so many different factors, it is hard to pinpoint the areas where we lost revenue. We have lost revenue in Downstate Illinois in general.

Mr. Elliott stated that he read in a book that if you purchased something with your social security number then you should not be taxed on it.

Chairman Pigg thanked everybody that was active in preparing our budget, and all the office holders that have really despite everything done the best that they could possibly do to keep things operating as smoothly as possible. She appreciated all the comments.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Cannon and seconded by Mr. Spencer. Voted by voice acclamation. All aye.