

# Kayci Heil

White County Clerk & Recorder

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON: April 21, 2026**

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Tuesday the 21st day of April, 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.

**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 the election is officially over and that tax extension was getting ready to start.

County Treasurer: Not in attendance but report submitted in writing.

Circuit Clerk: Not in attendance

Ambulance: Not in attendance

State's Attorney: They have a jury trial that they are getting ready for, and everything is going well.

Sheriff: Sheriff Weiss stated that he will have window bids to open at the next meeting and that they are donating two Humvees, one to the VFW and one to the American Legion.

Supervisor of Assessments: Not in attendance

Highway: Mr. Ray stated that his items were on the consent agenda. This was a revision to the bridges passed at the last meeting.

EMA: Mr. Wurst told the Board about the calls that he has been on since the last meeting. Also, about a weather class he taught to the 4H and that he attended his quarterly IEMA meeting. Mr. Wurst also told the Board about an accident that they had locally and that our local clinics are not equipped with trauma equipment. Mr. Wurst explained that he went to the Absher Foundation to see if they would donate trauma kits to our local clinics. They also provided the EMA with additional equipment that was needed.

TB Officer: Not in attendance

Coroner: Not in attendance

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon told the Board that they are going to IACO and then they will be going to train with Illinois Extension on battery storage units. Next month is the last month to make updates for SB 25, the state mandates changes for solar and wind. Those updates must be made by June 1. We have identified four pages worth of changes that have to be made to bring us compliance. They recommend going as stringent as you can. The proposed draft will be turned all the way up and will be able to be tuned down if needed. He went on to further explain to the board a few other changes that are happening within the bill. He told the Board that they will need to hold a public hearing before the next meeting to go over all the changes that need to take place with the solar and wind ordinances with the SB25 coming into effect. We will have to change the battery back up ordinance, but that does not have to be done until September.

Chairman Pigg asked if there was any public comment:

Tiffany James – In attendance to ask about updates going on with Ameren solar. Mr. Neal responded with that he has a point of contact and that Ameren is working on to correct the issue.

Mrs. Cannon asked about a fire in Enfield at the solar farm. The Board and the public continued to talk about the maintenance of the solar properties.

## **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was read by Chairman Pigg.

1. Discussion and possible approval of VET Environmental bills for \$13717.07. (Quarter 1 & 2 sampling and final invoice of supplemental permit background study)
2. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for 17-28-214-002 to Aaron Summers.
3. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for MS-50-0091-0 to Alexander Development & Leasing Company LLC.
4. Discussion and possible approval to revise Engineering Agreements for Section 24-07124-00-BR for bridges over Grindstone Creek in Heralds Prairie.

Chairman Pigg asked if any items needed to be removed from the consent agenda

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer to approve items 1-4 on the consent agenda. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion and possible approval of an Ordinance Granting a siting permit application under the provisions of the White County, Illinois commercial Solar Energy Facility Siting Ordinance on Petition of Pivot Energy IL 75 LLC.

Chairman Pigg said that this is what the Board is already approved. This is just the finalizing of the paperwork since they agreed to pay the additional property owner.

**MOTION** was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. South to approve the agreement with the Illinois Extension Office. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

## **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**

None

## **County Board Member Non-Action Items and Comments**

Public Hearing will be at 6:45 PM on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Next meeting will be April 21, 2026, 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.