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White County Clerk & Recorder

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON SOLAR AND WIND
ORDINANCES BY THE WHITE COUNTY BOARD ON:**

May 19, 2026

The White County Board was called to order at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Tuesday the 19th day of May, at 6:45 p.m. by County Board Vice Chairperson Amanda Cannon.

Mr. Halberstadt with Bellwether LLC presented the Board with a presentation on the County Commercial Solar Energy Facility Ordinance Updates to bring the County in compliance with SB 25.

The slide presentation is attached.

Mr. Harmon with Bellwether LLC said that the largest local impact that we will see is on the fee structure that is very specific, and the decommissioning agreement, or decommissioning funding method. He told the Board that there are already lobbyists trying to change the decommissioning agreement and would not be surprised if there was not another update coming.

Public comment:

Kathy Sands – She told the Board that she finds it disturbing that the State comes with all these new rules and regulations and tightens the screws more on the counties who are not in violation of the ordinance. She hopes that the State goes over ordinance with those companies who ignore them.

Tiffany James – Asked the Board if it affected anything prior and it does not.

Mr. Harmon told the Board that SB 25 does address battery storage systems, if the county is unzoned it is no longer legal to have a local ordinance that governs batter storage. As of June 1, any siting authority for battery storage is only gone through the state, not locally through the County.

MOTION was made by Mr. Spencer seconded by Mr. Usery, to approve the minutes of the White County Board meeting. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay, with Pigg and South counted as absent. Motion carried.