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White County Clerk & Recorder

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON:

June 16, 2026

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Tuesday the 16th of June, 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, David South, Ken Usery, and Cassie Pigg

Discussion and possible approval of the resignation of Cassie Pigg from the County Board. Chairman Pigg told the Board that she has submitted her letter of resignation from the chairman position effective immediately and from the Board effective upon when they are able to find a replacement. She thanked the Board and it has been an honor to serve the County and along side all the Board members.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery seconded by Mrs. Cannon, to accept the resignation. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Amanda Cannon then took control of the meeting. She asked for nominations for a County Board Chair.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Pigg, to appoint Amanda Cannon as the White County Board Chair. Mr. South moved to close nominations and seconded by Mrs. Pigg. Vote by roll call. Motion carried.

Chairman Cannon then called for nomination for Vice Chairman.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pigg, seconded by Mr. Usery, to appoint David South as White County Board Vice Chair. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

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 every two years we must certify the election judges and that will be on the next agenda. We are just trying to get a head start on the election and trying to get caught up on everything else.

County Treasurer: Mr. Baxley stated that the 2025 property taxes are being proofed mailed mid-July. The first installment will be due September 10, 2026, and the second installment due on November 10, 2026. Sarah Kary with Rice and Sullivan give the Board a brief overview of the audit. The County was issued an unmodified opinion and that is considered a good opinion. There was no need to do a single audit this year due to the County not receiving more than the required amount of federal funds. They noted findings and the first one is a repeat finding. Due to the staff size and limited budgets that is hard to properly staff the office to handle the segregation of duties. The second finding is required reporting of the opioid settlement that did not take place. She went to tell the Board that the cash balance was down 13% and expenses were up 33%. The largest increase in expense was the highway and street expense. The auditor stated that the County is doing a good job staying within their budget.

Circuit Clerk: Not in attendance

Ambulance: Mr. Allen told the Board that everything was going well and that they got a grant through the Illinois State Fire Marshals and were awarded just over $25000.00. That money will be used for much needed equipment for the rescue truck.

State's Attorney: Attorney Neal said that everything was going well and they just got done with summer training.

Sheriff: Sheriff Weiss stated that there was an issue with the Courthouse air conditioning and it is working. He told the Board that they are preparing for the 4th of July festivities and more traffic on the roads.

Supervisor of Assessments: Not in attendance

Highway: Mr. Ray told the Board that they are fixing potholes and will start seal coating the third week of July. He also told the Board that he had items on the agenda for engineering agreements for two bridges.

EMA: Mr. Wurst told the Board about all the calls that he assisted on as well as having a quarterly State meeting in Marion next month.

TB Officer:

Coroner: Not in attendance

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon told the Board that he did receive the 6-month data from the Treasurer's Office and should be starting FY27 budget packets.

Chairman Cannon asked if there was any public comment:

Tiffany James asked the Board if we had heard anything from Ameren. Mr. Neal asked if anything new had been done. Sheriff Weiss said that there are trees planted in the ground. There was discussion on needing clarification on screening and citing the company for an ordinance violation. Sheriff Weiss told the Board what all he needs to write a citation, and he will have to have an individual to write that citation too. Mr. Harmon suggested reaching out to Andy Keyt to get more clarification on screening and that we want to sue.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was read by Chairman Cannon.

1. Discussion and possible approval of VET Environmental bill for $1377.20.
2. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution for the sale of 13-13-126-017.
3. Discussion and possible approval for a preliminary/construction engineering agreement for Section 24-10136-00-BR on County Road 2150N over a Tributary to the Little Wabash River in Phillips Township.
4. Discussion and possible approval of a preliminary/construction engineering agreement for Section 24-03125-00-BR on County Road 1675E over Wabash Levee Ditch in Emma Township.

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

Mr. South asked for item 1 to be removed and discussed further.

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

1. Discussion and possible approval of VET Environmental bill for $1377.20.

Mr. South asked if this was ever going to get closed. Mr. Neal asked for an update from Mr. Edwards, and he is waiting for a response from the EPA that is reviewing the permits. There was further discussion on testing and when the closure took place and what still needs to be done to finish the landfill.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. South to approve the payment to VET Environmental. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible approval of the renewal of the Springerton American Legion liquor license.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pigg, seconded by Mr. South to approve the renewal of the Springerton American Legion Liquor license. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible approval of the renewal of the Enfield Sportsman Club liquor license.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Pigg to approve the renewal of the Enfield Sportsman Club liquor license. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible approval of additional monies needed for Courthouse window project.

They had to change the picture window to triple pane, and they have windows that were covered up but the frame is still in place, and they want to get those open to have some natural sunlight.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pigg, seconded by Mr. South to approve the additional monies needed. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible approval of a Sheriff Fee Ordinance.

MOTION was made by Mrs. Pigg, seconded by Mr. Usery to approve the Sheriff Fee Ordinance. Vote passed by roll call. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible approval of a letter of agreement with Egyptian Health Department to handle the tuberculosis for the County.

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Usery to approve the letter of agreement. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

F. Discussion and possible approval of plans to sell the Drone Building.

Discussion was taken on what was in the stored in the building and what all needs to be retained. They also discussed what needs to be done to start getting the buildings inventory to start making space in the buildings.

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mrs. Pigg to table this item for further discussion. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

MOTION was made by Mr. Usery, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve all bills. Vote by acclamation. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

County Board Member Non-Action Items and Comments

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Next meeting will be July 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the White County Courthouse.

They will try to set up a building committee meeting before the next meeting.

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