

Kayci Heil

White County Clerk & Recorder

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WHITE COUNTY BOARD MEETING ON: August 18, 2026

The White County Board convened at the White County Courthouse in the City of Carmi, State of Illinois, on Tuesday the 18th of August, at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by County Board Chairperson Amanda Cannon.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On Roll Call, the following Board members responded as being present, which represented a quorum: David South, Clint Spencer, and Amanda Cannon with Ken Usery and Cassie Pigg counted as absent.

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

COUNTY OFFICER REPORTS

County Clerk: Clerk Heil told the Board that the required PVBM mailings went out and encouraged people if they do not want to participate then to opt out and send it back in.

County Treasurer: Treasurer Baxley said that they have put their monthly financial reports online for public viewing. It includes a monthly budget and cash balance report by fund. He also informed the Board about the changes that were coming to tax sales with home equity.

Circuit Clerk: Not in attendance

Ambulance: Director Allen told the board that they were staying busy, and they still had their raffle going on for their department.

State's Attorney: Not in attendance

Sheriff: Sheriff Weiss told the Board about how they were privileged to escort him back home and that he was very proud to see all the individuals of White County showed up.

Supervisor of Assessments: Not in attendance

Highway: Mr. Ray said that he had what was on the agenda. It was awarding a contract to stabilization for a project that was requested grant money.

EMA: EMA Director Wurst told the Board about the various calls that he went out on since the last meeting.

Coroner: Not in attendance

911: Not in attendance

Administrative Services: Mr. Harmon told the board that in September it will be a busy month with department head budget meetings. Also, if you are a budget head and still have your packet out to please turn that in.

Chairman Cannon asked if there was any public comment:

Richard Cook Jr. – Asked who was on the ethics commission in White County. Clerk Heil informed him that they filed ordinance in 2004 but did not know if there was any type of committee or commission.

Tiffany James – Mrs. James asked Amanda if she had any contact with Ameren. She has been working with them to get something worked out for more screening around her house.

Alan Saunders – Mr. Saunders asked the Board about the moratorium on the data center and some insight on how they came to that conclusion. He stated that he was not for or against it, but he was thankful that they did not do that back when oil and gas or coal started in the County. He said as a landowner that he does not like the County Board limiting his property rights. He thinks that the County Board should really educate themselves on data centers. Other communities are going to take advantage of data centers and rush towards progression, and the County will be left behind.

Diana Mason – Mrs. Mason told the Board that she has done a lot of research on data centers and that it would not be good for the County's health.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was read by Chairman Cannon.

1. Discussion and possible approval for the award of Section 26-00136-00-RS to Mt. Carmel Stabilization for \$233,917.42 to construct an A-2 surface on County Highway 10, west of Crossville.

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

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Spencer to approve the item on the consent agenda. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried with Pigg and Usery counted as absent.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible approval of plans to sell the Drone Building. (tabled item)

Mrs. Cannon told the Board that they had a building meeting and discussion was still ongoing.

No motion was made on this item causing the item to fail.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLAIMS

MOTION was made by Mr. Spencer, seconded by Mr. South, to approve all bills. Vote by acclamation. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried with Pigg and Usery counted as absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Cannon asked the Board that there was a need for Executive Session for personnel.

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to go into executive session. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried with Pigg and Usery counted as absent.

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to come out of executive session. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried with Pigg and Usery counted as absent.

County Board Member Non-Action Items and Comments

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Next meeting will be September 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the White County Courthouse.

MOTION was made by Mr. South, seconded by Mr. Usery, to adjourn. Vote by acclamation. All voting aye, none nay. Motion carried with Spencer counted as absent.