



WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

101 E. St. Louis St., Nashville, IL. 62263

COUNTY BOARD MEETING:

7:00 P.M TUESDAY, February 10, 2026

AGENDA

1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call
4. Acknowledgment of Guests
5. Approval of the January 13, 2026 County Board Minutes
6. Approval of the February 5, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes
7. Heather Dunmyer – ROE Truant Advocate
8. Chief Judge Emge of the 24th Judicial Circuit
9. Public’s opportunity to address the Board (limited to 3 minutes per person)
10. County Clerk & Recorder’s Monthly Report
11. Approve Election Expenses for March 17, 2026 Primary Election
12. Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report
13. Highway Dept Report:
 - Resolution to appropriate motor fuel tax funds for FY26 maintenance activities
 - Resolution to appropriate township aid under 605 ILCS 5/5-501
 - Ashley road District – Jefferson County Line Road
14. Sheriff’s Monthly Report
15. State’s Attorney’s Monthly Report
16. Treasurer’s Monthly Cash Flow & Budgetary Status Report
17. Zoning: None
18. Permission to have Chairman Meyer sign a letter of support for, Discover Downstate Illinois
19. Committee Reports:
 - Communication/Sheriff:**
 - Approve pay increase Chief Deputy Carroll
 - Approve pay increase Security Officer Levi Foreman
 - Permission for Sheriff’s Office to advertise for a Full Time Court Security Person
 - Personnel, Policy & Appointments:**
 - County Board Committee Member Updates
20. Claims Against the County
21. Approve County Board Expenses
22. Approve Monthly Utility Expenses & Payroll Expenses
23. Adjournment

Agenda items may be re-arranged during the meeting at the Board’s Discretion

Old and New Business may be discussed within each Agenda item

General Comments on non-agenda items may be made without action being taken

District 1: Dani Luna-Fuller Eric Mallick Rodney Small Kurt Elsesser Larry Unverfehrt	District 2: Dan Bronke Alan Hohlt Dave Ibendahl Dennis Shemonic	District 3: Douglas Bening Eric Brammeler Vice-Chairman David Meyer - Chairman Paul Todd David Karg
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

February 10, 2026

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the Washington County Courthouse Nashville, Illinois on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 for the purpose of transacting county business that might come before the Board.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Shari Hempen, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Roll Call was taken by County Clerk Hempen with 14 members present. Those present were, Brammeier, Hohlt, Elsesser, Shemonic, Small, Unverfehrt, Todd, Bening, Luna-Fuller, Karg, Ibendahl, Heggemeier, Malick and Meyer. Absent was Bronke

Others present were Crystal May-State's Attorney, Kiefer Heiman-Highway Superintendent, Chief Circuit Judge Dan Emge, Jeff Twardowski Trial Court Administrator, Sheriff Schultze, Levi Foreman-Court Security, John Felchlia – Ambulance Administrator, Deputy Andrew Howard, Deputy Richard Francois, Brittany Bateman – Sheriff's Office Manager, Jessica Eldridge – Probation Administrator, Chief Deputy Charles Carroil, Heather Dunmyer – Roe Truant Advocate, Quinn Gorman – Gatehouse Storage, Maggie Poteau – Pattern Energy Public Engagement Consultant and Kevin Winka

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 13, 2026 County Board meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Karg to approve the minutes, seconded by Luna-Fuller. Motion carried.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 5, 2026 Special County Board meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Small to approve the minutes, seconded by Malick. Motion carried.

Heather Dunmyer – ROE Truant Advocate for Clinton, Jefferson, Marion and Washington County. Dunmyer told the board that there are (2) two attendance programs in place K-8 and 9-12. Washington County has 20 referrals from county schools. **(Exhibit A)** Oakdale is the only school in Washington County that does not have any referrals.

Chief Circuit Judge Emge is asked to appear before the board once a year in February. Emge informed the board that there is a Public Defender Act that will require all part time Public Defenders be made full-time by January 1, 2027. He gave a brief overview of what will be coming, just wanted to give the Board heads up. He will address the matter later on in the fall when he has more information.

Public's comments:

Quinn Gorman with Gatehouse Storage wanted to reach out to the board and citizens about a meeting on Thursday, February 19th at the Terry Deering Center in DuBois. It will be an informative meeting on the project.

Maggie Poteau wanted to introduced herself to the county. She is with Pattern Energy, as a Public Engagement Consultant. She does not work for Pattern Energy. She wanted to be transparent with full disclosure.

The County Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Report (Exhibit B) Clerk Hempen presented her monthly report to the Board for approval a motion was made by Shemonic seconded by Hohlt to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. Hempen stated that early voting began on February 5th.

County Clerk Hempen asked the Board for the approval to pay the March 17, 2026 Election Expenses. A motion was made by Ibendahl seconded by Small. Motion carried.

Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report (Exhibit C) Felchlia presented his report to the board for approval a motion was made by Hohlt seconded by Luna-Fuller. Motion carried.

Highway Resolutions - Kiefer Heiman – County Highway Engineer presented:

1. Resolution #2026-115 (**Exhibit D**) for maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. A motion was made by Bening and seconded by Malick. Motion carried.
2. Resolution #2026-116 (**Exhibit E**) to replace a damaged drain structure, consisting of a single 48" steel culvert, on TR 8, Jefferson County Road, Section 24 T2S R1W. A motion was made by Bening seconded by Shemonic. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Monthly Report & updates (Exhibit F) Sheriff Schultz presented his monthly report. Shemonic made a motion to accept the report as presented seconded by Luna-Fuller. Motion carried. Hohlt asked the Sheriff if the grant for Axion had been submitted? Sheriff Schultze said it has been submitted and waiting for an answer. Karg asked if the Brittany Moeser case is still active? Sheriff said it will remain open until it is solved.

State's Attorney Crystal May presented her monthly report. (**See Exhibit G**) A motion was made by Bening to approve her monthly report seconded by Elsesser. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow Statement and Budgetary status Reports for Period ending 1/31/2026. (Exhibit H & I) a motion was made by Karg seconded by Hohlt to accept the report as presented subject to audit review. Motion carried.

Zoning: None

A motion was made by Elsesser to give Chairman Meyer permission to sign the letter of support for Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism seconded by Brammeier. Motion carried. (**Exhibit J**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Animal Control- Report of Animal Control activity for the month ending January 31, 2026 (**Exhibit K**)

Communication/Sheriff- Unverfehrt made a motion to increase Chief Deputy Carroll's hourly rate from \$34.00 to \$37.50. Shemonic seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Unverfehrt said the second item he has would be for another individual who is non-union and currently our court security officer Levi Foreman. Originally, we had him an increase also, since that time he did join the union on January 30, 2026, with the FOP in Unit B, so what I would like to add is that he joins the union and starts out with zero seniority and the pay will be \$26.53 according to the contract book. Unverfehrt made a motion seconded by Luna-Fuller. Chairman Meyer asked if there were any other questions. Todd said he had talked to Mr. Unverfehrt, Mr. Brammeier and State's Attorney and he is a little confused. He asked if Foreman was no longer going to be

court security? Unverfehrt said that would be the next item on the agenda. Unverfehrt said as of right now our intentions were to increase the non-union person, but that has changed as of January 30th. Todd asked if we had a full-time court security now? Yes, we do. Unverfehrt said that the committee had discussed it quite a bit and that Foreman was on four (4) ten (10) hour days, which required the county to always hire a part-time person for the 5th day. We will be doing five (5) eight (8) hour days, since the courthouse is only open 8 am to 4 pm, so you won't need part-time help. The doors open at 8:00 am and are locked at 4:00 pm, Tuesdays, probation is here until 5:00 pm so they stay open until 5 pm that day. Todd asked what Foreman's current rate of pay is. Unverfehrt said \$23.77 and of January 30th it went to \$26.53 according to the FOP union contract unit B. Motion carried.

Next item is permission to hire a full-time Court Security. Unverfehrt stated that the Court Security person has always been a non-union position. The Committee's intention is that it is going to stay a non-union position and would like to think that is the Counties intention to also keep it a non-union position. So that would require advertising for a new Court Security both full-time and part-time. Unverfehrt said "I have met several times with almost everyone sitting over there on that side" (motioning to Sheriff Schultze, Chief Deputy Carroll and Court Security Foreman). Chairman Meyer joined Unverfehrt last Friday and it is the opinion of the Sheriff's Dept. that they are going to man that position with union personnel. Mr. Scott, the FOP union representative, was present last Friday when Unverfehrt and Chairman Meyer met his statement there was if the county if not violating the contract there is nothing to stand on then. So, the contract states seniority starts when you start with FOP it also states if you are in Unit B and go to Unit A, you can't bring your seniority with you. You start back to zero. It does state in one place that the Sheriff has the right to assign, but I take that is assign within the FOP not out of the FOP. There is nothing stated and Mr. Scott said the same thing about Court Security in the contract. Court Security has always been a non-union position. There are too many unknowns to turn this into a union position. The contract does not state it. When they started union negotiations at the first meeting one of the items the Sheriff's department wanted was to create a Unit C, the County said no. At the second negotiation meeting the contract was settled verbally, and we only had to wait for it to be voted on by the Union. No one came back to ask for Unit C to be put back on there. Unverfehrt said that he wanted to give a brief explanation on why they are advertising for a full-time Court Security. He offered to answer any questions, that the board has.

Sheriff Schultze told the board that out of all the employees he has that Levi is the only non-union employee. He said he feels that is the right thing to do. And I use my statutory right through the Sheriff's office in the Chapters to assign him to that position as a security guard. He also stated that he does not know why this fight is going on. Sheriff Schultze said Levi is a good employee.

Unverfehrt stated that no one hear is doubting what Mr. Foreman has done down there, he is well liked, does an excellent job. Unverfehrt said he has not heard anything negative about Levi or him joining the union. The committee had a meeting last week and was going to give him \$26.53 an hour. Which is what he will be making with the FOP, he will lose out on whatever the dues are coming off of that. It is not like the committee was trying to cut him short of what he is getting paid in there. The Sheriff says he needs to come in at four years, but the union contract state's when you start FOP you start accumulating seniority. Unverfehrt said that he wants to make it clear that there is nothing that I am aware of that says Mr. Foreman is not doing a tremendous job.

Karg asked the Sheriff what are the benefits of being in the FOP union or not being in the union? Sheriff Schultze Said being in the union he would be protected. Deputy Howard jumped in and said for liability he is a sworn in officer of the Sheriff's office. Unverfehrt told Chairman Meyer that he was going to voice his opinion. The Sheriff has absolutely 100 % right to talk, and he does not feel that it is necessary to have anyone else speak, if they did not notify Chairman Meier to do so. Again, Unverfehrt stated that was his opinion. Chairman Meyer said it was

up to the board otherwise he has to abide by the rules. Meyer said they had an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting, they had 3 minutes. Todd made a motion seconded by Luna-Fuller to allow the public to speak. Todd requested a roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken with 11 yes and 3 no. Motion carried.

Howard continued answering Karg's question about benefits to joining the union. Howard continued to say that it's a liability protection on his position as Court Security and his interaction with the public. Actually, it takes some of the liability off of the county and puts some of it on the FOP for any legal liability issues. Brammeier questioned that statement, saying that there is no FOP liability that is going to reduce the counties liability. Deputy Howard agreed and changed it to legal support. Luna-Fuller asked the Sheriff if Levi will still be the full-time court security officer. Sheriff's answer is yes that is what he is assigned to over at the Judicial Building.

As memory serves, Brammeier said, that during FOP negotiations, a Unit C was brought up to make the court Security a union position. The County Negotiating Committee said no. The FOP did not ask again during the negotiations. There is no place in the contract that says Court Security is a union position. Levi joins the union and now the sheriff is saying that it should be a union position or filled with a union member. FOP union representative Rob Scott did not know anything about this as stated earlier by Deputy Howard. State's Attorney May asked if Mr. Scott instructed the Sheriff to do this and Deputy Howard said no.

After much discussion it was determined that the argument is that the Sheriff's department is wanting to turn the non-union court security position into a union position. It was brought up to add a unit C, during FOP negotiations union was told no and no one came back to negotiate anymore for unit c. After the fact, this could have been handled earlier. Timing has everything to do with this stated Brammeier.

Unverfehrt made a motion to seek to advertise for a full-time court security officer. Elsesser seconded that motion.

Sheriff Schultze's comments to said motion, was that he will not swear in a new Court Security employee and that he will go to war for Levi. Schultze also told the Board likes that they like to have their hands on everything.

A roll call vote was taken with 6 ayes: Small, Unverfehrt, Bening, Brammeier, Elsesser and Meier to advertise. 5 nays: Luna-Fuller, Malick, Todd, Heggemeier and Hohlt. 3 abstain: Ibendahl, Karg and Shemonic. Motion carried.

County Buildings- Brammeier told the Board that the Dispatch center is close to completion.

Contract Negotiations FOP – Contract has been signed by Union and County

The Claims against the County Report was presented to the Board for approval by Ibendahl. TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE MET ON February 9, 2026 EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDS PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING AND THE CLERK BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE ORDER ON THE COUNTY TREASURER TO THE CLAIMANTS FOR THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED. **(Exhibit L)** A motion was made by Ibendahl seconded by Heggemeier to approve payment. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ibendahl seconded by Bening to make restitution to the County Board's Per Diems. Roll Call vote was taken with 14 ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brammeier seconded by Small to approve payment of monthly utility expenses and payroll expenses. Motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd seconded by Luna-Fuller to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Shari Hempen, Washington County Clerk and Clerk of the Board

Mason County	RAP Referrals/Letters	Truancy First Letters	Truancy Second Letters	Truancy Final/Courtesy Letter	Seen at TRB	Referred to SA	Withdrawn to Homeschooling	Last Updated through 543
July								
August	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	
September	11	16	9	3	9	0	4	
October	5	23	11	1	11	0	2	
November	15	31	10	3	8	2	2	
December	14	25	14	3	11	1	2	
January	6	21	7	1	8	3	1	
February	8	19	6	3	10	1		
March								
April								
May								
June								
Mason County Totals	61	138	57	14	57	7	10	

Washington County	RAP Referrals/Letters	Truancy First Letters	Truancy Second Letters	Truancy Final/Courtesy Letter	Seen at TRB	Referred to SA	Withdrawn to Homeschooling
July							
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September		2	0	0	0	0	0
October	2	3	2	0	2	0	0
November		3	1	0	1	0	1
December	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
January	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
February		1					
March							
April							
May							
June							
Washington County Totals	6	10	3	0	3	0	1

Clinton County	RAP Referrals/Letters	Truancy First Letters	Truancy Second Letters	Truancy Final/Courtesy Letter	Seen at TRB	Referred to SA	Withdrawn to Homeschooling
July							
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	2	4	0	0	0	0	1
October	6	3	1	0	1	0	0
November	6	4	0	0	1	0	0
December	2	6	1	0	1	0	0
January	13	3	0	2	1	0	
February	2	2	4		2	2	
March							
April							
May							
June							
Clinton County Totals	31	22	6	2	6	2	1

Jefferson County	RAP Referrals/Letters	Truancy First Letters	Truancy Second Letters	Truancy Final/Courtesy Letter	Seen at TRB	Referred to SA	Withdrawn to Homeschooling
July							
August	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
September	8	11	4	3	2	0	2
October	6	22	10	3	7	0	1
November	15	14	7	2	7	7	0
December	7	18	6	1	3	1	0
January	4	17	6	2	6	1	0
February	5	18	8	1			
March							
April							
May							
June							
Jefferson County Totals	48	101	42	12	25	9	3

**WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
REPORT OF COLLECTIONS
COLLECTION FOR THE PERIOD 1/1/2026-1/31/2026**

JANUARY 2026:

Beginning Balances: \$ 2,087.34
Fees Collected: 39,634.45
Total \$ 41,721.79

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tax Redemptions \$ 12,986.23
 Tax Redemptions Interest 2,168.09
 Take Notice/Petitions 12.00
 Laredo 632.55
 Overpayment Refund 945.00 (State & County Revenue Stamps)

Disbursements \$ 16,743.87
Balance: \$24,977.92

Shari Hempen
 SHARI HEMPEN
 CLERK/RECORDER
 WASHINGTON COUNTY



JANUARY 31, 2026

WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER:

(G.I.S. ASSESSOR FUND) \$ 2,755.00
 (G. I.S. RECORDER FUND) 145.00

ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE:

(R.H.S.P. - \$18.00 PER 138 DOC) 2,484.00

IL DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

(\$4.00 SURCHARGE DEATH CERT) 8.00

STATE TREASURER, IL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(MARRIAGE LICENSE SURCHARGE) 5.00

NATALIE LYNCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER:

(RECORDER AUTO FUND) 1,160.00

MYDEC - REAL ESTATE STAMP PAYMENT 5,988.50 (less 630.00 = 5,358.50)

NATALIE LYNCH, WASHINGTON CO TREASURER:

(DOCUMENT STORAGE FEES) 435.00

(FEE'S COLLECTED) 9,910.08 (less 315.00 = 9,595.08)

TOTAL \$22,890.58

TOTAL DISBURSEMENT \$39,634.45

Remaining Balance Tax Redemption #130068: \$458.16

Tax Redemption #130041: \$207.91

Tax Redemption #140063: \$275.41

Tax Redemption#2014-000054: \$927.26

Tax Redemption#2014-000058: \$218.60

Total remaining balance \$2,087.34

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 1st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.

Christine M. Bevil
 NOTARY





Washington County
Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service
18046 Enterprise Avenue, Nashville, IL

Phone: (618) 327-3075

Fax: (618) 327-7281

Monthly Report

Receipts/Billing

January Income from Fees \$ 112,360.47 – **5yr Average** = \$ 70,560.80

2025 NET Income from Power Truck Shift - \$ 101,972.49

2026 NET Income from Power Truck Shift - \$ -2,812.35

Total Expenses

December Bills \$ 21,081.38

December Salaries \$ 152,995.75

Total Calls for FY 2025 **5yr Average**

December 2025: 245 - 187

January 2026: 222 - 176

February 2026: - - -

March 2026: - - -

April 2026: - - -

May 2026: - - -

June 2026: - - -

July 2026: - - -

August 2026: - - -

September 2026: - - -

October 2026: - - -

November 2026: - - -

2025 Totals: 467



Illinois Department of Transportation

2026-115
Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

District	County	Resolution Number	Resolution Type	Section Number
8	Washington		Original	26-00000-00-GM

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the County of Washington, Illinois that there is hereby appropriated the sum of eight hundred five thousand five hundred Dollars (\$805,500.00) of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of Illinois Highway Code from 12/01/25 to 11/30/26.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that only those operations as listed and described on the approved Estimate of Maintenance Costs, including supplemental or revised estimates approved in connection with this resolution, are eligible for maintenance with Motor Fuel Tax funds during the period as specified above.

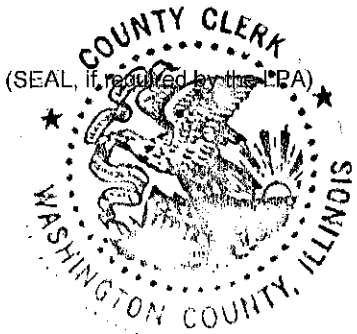
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County of Washington, shall submit within three months after the end of the maintenance period as stated above, to the Department of Transportation, on forms available from the Department, a certified statement showing expenditures and the balances remaining in the funds authorized for expenditure by the Department under this appropriation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

I Shari Hempten County Clerk in and for said County of Washington, provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the

Board of Washington, at a meeting held on 02/10/26

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of February, 2026



Clerk Signature & Date
Shari Hempten 2-10-26

APPROVED

Regional Engineer Signature & Date
Department of Transportation



Submittal Type

Estimate of Maintenance Costs

District Estimate of Cost For
County

Local Public Agency	County	Section Number	Maintenance Period	
			Beginning	Ending
Washington County Highway Dept	Washington	26-00000-00-GM	12/01/25	11/30/26

Maintenance Items

Maintenance Operation	Maint Eng Category	Insp. Req.	Material Categories/ Point of Delivery or Work Performed by an Outside Contractor	Unit	Quantity	Unit Cost	Cost	Total Maintenance Operation Cost
Seal Coat	III	No	HFE 150 Furnish/Apply	Tons	150	\$725.00	\$108,750.00	\$108,750.00
Seal Coat	III	No	CA16 Furnish	Tons	500	\$23.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
Base	IIA	No	Bit Mix 1 FOB	Tons	350	\$85.00	\$29,750.00	\$29,750.00
Base	IIA	No	Bit Mix 2 FOB	Tons	0	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pavement Mark	III	No	4" Striping -Yellow/White	Ft	500,000	\$0.15	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Snow & Ice Cont	I	No	Bulk Rock Salt Furnish	Tons	500	\$100.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Snow & Ice Cont	IIA	No	FA/FM 6 Furnish	Tons	800	\$35.00	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
Seal Coat	III	No	CA13 Furnish	Tons	1,500	\$45.00	\$67,500.00	\$67,500.00
Shoulder	III	No	CA6 Furish	Tons	500	\$20.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Operation Cost								\$380,500.00

Estimate of Maintenance Costs Summary

Maintenance	MFT Funds	RBI Funds	Other Funds	Estimated Costs
Local Public Agency Labor	\$425,000.00			\$425,000.00
Local Public Agency Equipment				
Materials/Contracts(Non Bid Items)	\$57,750.00			\$57,750.00
Materials/Deliver & Install/Materials Quotations (Bid Items)	\$322,750.00			\$322,750.00
Formal Contract (Bid Items)				
Maintenance Total	\$805,500.00			\$805,500.00

Estimated Maintenance Eng Costs Summary

Maintenance Engineering	MFT Funds	RBI Funds	Other Funds	Total Est Costs
Preliminary Engineering				
Engineering Inspection				
Material Testing				
Advertising				
Bridge Inspection Engineering				
Maintenance Engineering Total				
Total Estimated Maintenance	\$805,500.00			\$805,500.00

Remarks

Estimate of Maintenance Costs

Submittal Type

Local Public Agency	County	Section	Maintenance Period	
			Beginning	Ending
Washington County Highway Dept	Washington	26-00000-00-GM	12/01/25	11/30/26

SUBMITTED

Local Public Agency Official Signature & Date

David A. Meyer

Title

County Engineer/Superintendent of Highways Signature & Date

APPROVED

Regional Engineer Signature & Date
Department of Transportation

IDOT Department Use Only

Received Location Received Date Additional Location?

WMFT Entry By Entry Date

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace a damaged drainage structure, consisting of a single 48" steel culvert, on TR 8, Jefferson County Road, approximately one quarter of a mile south of Kansas Road, Ashley Township, Section 24, Township 2 South Range 1 West; and

WHEREAS, the Road District Highway Commissioner has petitioned this Board through its Road and Bridge Committee for assistance under 605 ILCS 5/5-501 to replace said culvert and has agreed to pay fifty (50) percent of the final cost of the replacement, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has reviewed the replacement request, visited the site to inspect, has prepared a cost estimate for said repair and is in agreement with repair request, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Road and Bridge Committee has reviewed said petition and has by voice vote recommended that the petition be sent to the County Board for approval; and

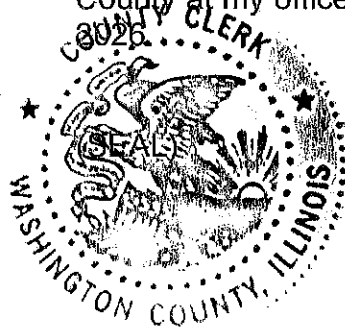
WHEREAS, the Committee finds the request to be in order at an estimated project replacement cost of \$7,140 as prepared by the County Engineer, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board hereby authorizes the appropriation of \$3,570 or as much as may be required, to provide 50% of this structure's final cost, and that said appropriation is to be paid from the County Bridge Fund in accordance with 605 ILCS 5/5-501, and

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

I, Shari Hempen, County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by Statute, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, perfect and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Washington County at its regular meeting held in Nashville, Illinois on February 10th, 2026.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Nashville, Illinois in said County this 10th day of February A.D.,



Shari Hempen
County Clerk



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ROSS SCHULTZE SHERIFF

I, ROSS SCHULTZE, SHERIFF OF WASHINGTON COUNTY STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE EARNINGS OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2026.

FEES EARNED	\$ 488.00
FEES COLLECTED AND PAID TO THE COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 20,454.00
DIETING PRISONERS	\$ 3515.71
PATROL MILEAGE	\$ 6291.60
SALARIES	\$ 143,974.95
BILLS	\$ 98290.93 / \$55778.09 was for Axon
FEDERAL HOUSING/TRANSPORT	\$ 19,530.00
FEES COLLECTED AND PAID TO THE COUNTY TREASURER	
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	Total: 22
BURGLARIES/THEFTS	Total: 16
DOMESTICS	Total: 23
TRAFFIC STOPS	Total: 112
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	12
TRAFFIC ARRESTS.....	16
TRAFFIC WARNINGS.....	63
COUNTY INMATES.....	4
FEDERAL INMATES.....	9

Ross Schultz
SHERIFF ROSS SCHULTZE

I, Brittany Bateman ATTEST THAT THE ABOVE SIGNATURE IS THAT OF ROSS SCHULTZE, SHERIFF OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WAS SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE THIS 6th DAY OF

February 2026.

Brittany Bateman
NOTARY





WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ROSS J. SCHULTZE
SHERIFF

Informational Report to the County Board

Meeting Date: February 10, 2026

Reporting Period: January 2026

Missing Person Investigation

Brittany Moeser remains missing. Her family is offering a **\$15,000** reward for information leading to her recovery or to information regarding her whereabouts. A missing person flyer with additional details is attached.

Personnel and Recruitment

The Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for part-time Correctional Officers (starting pay: \$21.00/hour) and part-time Deputies (starting pay: \$26.00/hour). Applications are available on the Sheriff's Office website or may be requested by emailing 889@washingtonco.illinois.gov.

Employee Recognition

Sergeant Stephen Lemons was awarded Deputy of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Corporal Tyler Briddick was awarded Correctional Officer of the Year.

Public Request for Assistance – Burglary Investigation (Ashley, Illinois)

On January 28, 2026, at approximately 3:50 a.m., Washington County Sheriff's Office deputies, in cooperation with the Nashville Police Department, responded to a reported burglary at the Ashley Farmers and Merchants Bank.

Upon arrival, deputies determined the suspects had fled the scene moments earlier on foot, entered a waiting vehicle, and left the area. Witnesses described the suspect vehicle as a black Mazda SUV.

This case remains an active, multi-jurisdictional investigation involving several law enforcement agencies.

Anyone with information related to this incident, including surveillance footage, dash camera video, or eyewitness observations, is encouraged to contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office.

Contact:

Detective Brent Klingeman
Washington County Sheriff's Office
Phone: (618) 327-8274, Ext. 4
Please reference CAD #26-000941

245 N. Kaskaskia St. Nashville, Illinois 62263
618-327-8274 (Office) * 618-327-8275 (Fax)
www.wcso-il.com



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



ROSS J. SCHULTZE

SHERIFF

Public Request for Assistance – Burglary Investigation (Hoyleton, Illinois)

Date of Incident: January 26, 2026

Location: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Hoyleton, Illinois

On January 26, 2026, Washington County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Hoyleton in response to an active burglary alarm.

Upon arrival, deputies discovered the ATM had been forcibly broken into. Preliminary investigation indicates the suspects used a stolen pickup truck, taken from a local residence, to commit the crime. The suspects attached a chain to the ATM and forcibly pulled it from its mount using the truck.

Witness reports and surveillance footage indicate the suspects were operating a white pickup truck. The suspects successfully removed the ATM cash boxes and fled the scene.

The suspect vehicle was observed traveling on West St. Louis Street before turning south onto Park Street shortly after the burglary. A stolen vehicle believed to be involved was later recovered on Park Street next to an empty lot near a garage.

Investigators are seeking surveillance footage from the area between 11:00 p.m. on January 26 and 1:00 a.m. on January 27, particularly in the vicinity of West St. Louis Street, Park Street, the bank, and surrounding residential areas.

Anyone with relevant footage or information is encouraged to contact:

Detective Brent Klingeman
Washington County Sheriff's Office
(618) 327-8273
Please reference CAD #26-000896

The Sheriff's Office also reminds residents to secure their vehicles overnight and to report any suspicious activity immediately. Community awareness and cooperation are vital to solving and preventing crimes.

Thank you for your assistance and vigilance.

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STATE'S ATTORNEYS REPORT

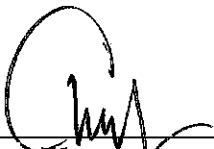
To: Circuit Court and Washington County Board, Washington County, Illinois.

The State's Attorney of Washington County, Illinois, respectfully submits the following report of fees paid to her from January 1, 2026, to January 31, 2026.

I further report that the foregoing fees were paid by me to Natalie Lynch, Washington County Treasurer

REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED AND PAID

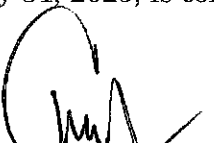
January 2026 – State's Attorney General Fund:	\$ 325.00
January 2026 – State's Attorney Drug Prevention Fund:	\$ 6.25
January 2026 – State's Attorney Automation Fund:	\$ 99.00
January 2026 – Restitution Received:	\$ 146.99



Crystal May
Washington County State's Attorney
Washington County Judicial Center
125 E. Elm St., Nashville, IL 62263
(618) 327-4800 ext. 320

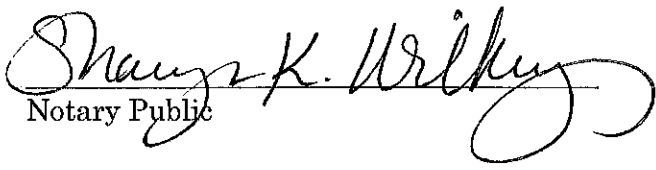
State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of Washington)

I, Crystal May, State's Attorney for Washington County being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say that the foregoing report of receipts and disbursements of the Office of the State's Attorney from January 1, 2025, to January 31, 2025, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Crystal May

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of February, 2026.



Notary Public



Account Number	Description	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance
	GENERAL FUND CHECKING	1,782,059.71	434,155.65	738,751.99	1,477,463.37
	TOTAL FUNDS:GENERAL FUND	1,782,059.71	434,155.65	738,751.99	1,477,463.37
	GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS	116,607.53	1,444.34	0.00	118,051.87
	VETERANS ASSISTANCE BALANCE	8,369.69	0.00	6,643.86	1,725.83
	DRUG ENF TASK FORCE BALANCE	418.72	0.00	0.00	418.72
	HEALTH DEPARTMENT BALANCE	578,768.05	18,818.07	25,341.75	572,244.37
	WASH CO. EMERG SERVICE BALAN	655,063.66	118,458.14	142,818.30	630,703.50
	TRNF & SOCIAL SECURITY BALAN	2,975,329.21	89,610.22	144,356.15	2,920,583.28
	RECORDER'S AUTOMATION BALANCE	30,278.05	1,620.38	1,250.00	30,648.43
	COUNTY COURT FUND BALANCE	201,649.11	52,145.71	0.00	253,794.82
	AUTOMATION BALANCE	175,079.98	2,439.50	0.00	177,518.48
	LAW LIBRARY BALANCE	7,179.24	765.52	1,106.99	6,837.77
	CHILD SUPPORT BALANCE	148,388.95	9.25	0.00	148,398.20
	PROBATION BALANCE	266,924.34	798.43	0.00	267,722.77
	L. DUECKER BALANCE	1,913.81	0.00	0.00	1,913.81
	DUI EQUIPMENT BALANCE	16,978.06	1.07	0.00	16,979.13
	EMINENT DOMAIN BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	SHERIFF'S DRUG BALANCE	60,569.40	1,034.56	165.00	61,438.96
	TAX SALE AUTOMATION BALANCE	39,356.43	23.40	0.00	39,379.83
	INDEMNITY BALANCE	103,100.48	87.58	0.00	103,188.06
	INHERITANCE BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	UNKNOWN HEIRS BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	COUNTY HIGHWAY BALANCE	1,901,327.95	1,569.58	60,032.65	1,842,864.88
	COUNTY BRIDGE BALANCE	803,384.60	241,998.18	16,393.25	1,028,989.53
	MATCHING FUNDS BALANCE	1,671,225.06	1,114.65	16,902.50	1,655,437.21
	COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX BALANCE	2,402,947.91	43,990.41	12,901.20	2,434,037.12
	ROAD DIST MOTOR FUEL BALANCE	2,952,678.35	135,402.94	0.00	3,088,081.29
	TOWNSHIP BRIDGE BALANCE	391,378.75	20.04	240,883.53	150,515.26
	WASH. COUNTY TORT LIABILITY	1,148,934.36	0.00	0.00	1,148,934.36
	SOLID WASTE PROGRAM	108.93	0.00	0.00	108.93
	STATES ATTORNEY DRUG PREVENT	48,813.73	49.29	0.00	48,863.02
	SECURITY FEES FUND	0.00	4,792.54	0.00	4,792.54
	SALE IN ERROR FUND	134,872.89	294.73	0.00	135,167.62
	DOCUMENT STORAGE FUND	373,974.52	2,433.31	0.00	376,407.83
	RECORDERS SPECIAL FUND	21,357.98	202.00	0.00	21,559.98
	G.I.S. MAPPING FUND	134,377.47	3,844.93	49,615.25	88,607.15
	CLERK OPERATIONS ADD-ONS	77,134.44	594.81	0.00	77,729.25
	POLICE VEHICLE FUND	3,649.70	0.23	0.00	3,649.93
	WASH CO PET POPULATION	5,067.53	60.00	0.00	5,127.53
	CONTROL FUND				
	PRARIE STATE REVENUE FUND	4,490,370.65	0.00	0.00	4,490,370.65
	DOG AND CAT WELFARE FUND	60,140.05	1,415.00	216.00	61,339.05
	CORONERS FUND	14,411.97	300.00	0.00	14,711.97
	GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS 2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	ELECTRONIC CITATION FUND	10,633.18	48.67	0.00	10,681.85
	DEBT SERVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	STATE'S ATTORNEY AUTOMATION	23,537.70	157.00	0.00	23,694.70
	CO CLERK DOCUMENT STORAGE	32,356.00	606.00	0.00	32,962.00



WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD
101 E. St. Louis St.
Nashville, Illinois 62263

January 27, 2026

Ms. Darlene Chapman
Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism
4387 N. Illinois St.
Suite 200
Swansea, IL. 62226

Re: FY2027 Certification (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)

Dear Ms. Chapman,

The purpose of this letter is to indicate that Washington County will continue to recognize Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism as their state certified bureau for the fiscal year 2027.

As one of the certified Tourism Bureaus within the State of Illinois, we understand that Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism will provide promotional support through its FY2026 annual program for its service area, which includes Washington County.

We look forward to working with Discover Downstate Illinois Tourism to develop an effective marketing program for Washington and other counties in the region.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of David Meyer in cursive.

David Meyer
Washington County Board Chairman

District 1:	District 2:	District 3:
Dani Luna-Fuller	Dan Bronke	Douglas Bening
Eric Malick	Alan Hohlt	Eric Brammeler Vice-Chairman
Rodney Small	Dave Ibendahl	David Meyer - Chairman
Kurt Elsesser	Dennis Shemonc	Paul Todd
Larry Unverfehrt		David Karg

WASHINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL

I, Deb Hagopian, Warden of Washington County Animal Control, certify that the following information is a true and complete report of Animal Control activity for the month ending January 31, 2025, as submitted to the Board in February 2026.

Category	Metric	Count
Shelter Population	Dogs Currently in Shelter	12
	Cats Currently in Shelter	5
Intake Summary	Owner Surrenders	8
	Strays Picked Up	9 (7 dogs / 2 cats)
	Police-Ordered Pickups	0
Outcomes	Adoptions	2
	Returned to Owner (Claimed)	6
	Transferred to Rescue	13 (4 dogs / 9 cats)
	Euthanized	1
Foster Program	Dogs in Foster Care	2
	Cats in Foster Care	0
Field Services	Animal Runs (During Operating Hours)	15
	Animal Runs (After Hours)	11
	Total Runs	26

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Report of Committee

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Nashville, Illinois
February 3, 2026

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the County Board:

Your committee to who was referred the claims against the County Highway Department for the month of January 2026 would beg leave to submit the following report on the matter before them. That claims as shown on the attached sheets in the following total amount be approve for payment.

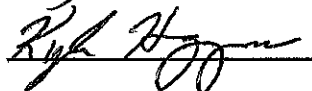
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County Bridge Fund	\$19,532.60
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All of which is respectfully submitted.



Chairman





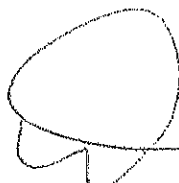
Claims Committee

We have examined and approved the bills listed for January 2026 on the attached sheet and recommend that the Claims Committee of the Washington County Board approve them for payment:

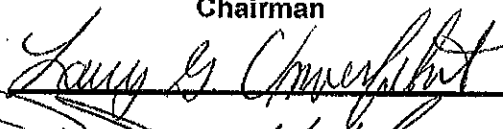
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Date:

Feb 9th, 2026



Chairman



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Road and Bridge Committee

