

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

February 5, 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 5, 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 12 members present. Those present were, Brammeier, Hohlt, Elsesser, Small, Unverfehrt, Bening, Luna-Fuller, Bronke, Malick, Meyer, Karg and Ibendahl. Absent was Todd and Shemonic

Others present were Crystal May-State's Attorney and Kyle Heggemeier

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 6:05 p.m.

Public's comments: None

Michael Lowenbaum our outside legal counsel, has left Jackson Lewis to open up his own law firm. The county would like to retain him as legal counsel. A motion was made by Elsesser and seconded by Malick to give Chairman Meyer permission to sign the Engagement letter to retain Lowenbaum motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 12 ayes and not nays. This is an open-end agreement.

Small reported that the IBEW Negotiation meeting that was held today, went well. The proposal is back in their court now and he feels pretty good about reaching an agreement in the near future.

A motion was made by Elsesser seconded by Luna-Fuller to appoint Kyle Heggemeier to replace Brian Klingenberg on the Washington County Board District #2 – Republican. Motion carried.

State's Attorney May informed Heggemeier that he will need to take Open Meetings Act Training, Sexual Harassment Training and FOIA. She also reminded the other board members if they have not taken theirs that they will need to.

A motion was made by Bronke seconded by Small to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Shari Hempen, Washington County Clerk and Clerk of the Board