

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

July 14, 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, July 14, 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, Heggemeier, Malick, Meyer, Karg and Bronke
Absent was Ibendahl

Others present were Crystal May-State's Attorney, Levi Foreman-Court Security, Krystal Althoff- Zoning EMA Administrator, Sheriff Ross Schultze, Kiefer Heiman – Highway Engineer, Jeff Twardowski-Trial Court Administrator, John Felchlia -Ambulance Administrator, Andrea Renken-Circuit Clerk, Mary Ann Kujawa, Gerald Kuberski-Farm Bureau, Wayne Rueter, John Goodrich, Dennis Hesker, Lee Reynolds, Mary Czajkowski

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 June 9, 2026 County Board meeting minutes. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Brammeier to approve the minutes, seconded by Karg. Motion carried.

Public's comments: Lori Fuller with Separation 4Illinois, gave an explanation on the Illinois Separation Referendum. **(Exhibit A)**

Circuit Clerk Andrea Renken appeared before the Board to present her semi-annual report. **(Exhibit B)**

EMA Administrator Krystal Althoff appeared before the board and presented her monthly report. **(Exhibit C)**

The County Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Report (Exhibit D) Clerk Hempen presented her monthly report to the Board for approval a motion was made by Hohlt seconded by Bening to approve the report as presented. Motion carried. Hempen reported that property taxes have been turned over to the Treasurer's office, they are stuffing the tax bills and plan on mailing those out next Friday. Tax Collection dates will be September 11 and October 16. I received an IVRS grant for \$22,865.96 in June. That money was put back into my Election line item to cover costs for upcoming election expenses. All the funds available from the IVRS grant were not spent, so my office has been awarded an extra \$35,904.38. I will put \$20,000 back in the general fund to cover ½ the cost of the new Election server that was installed earlier this year. The balance will go into my election line for election expenses.

Shemonic made a motion to approve Election Judge appointments for 2026-2028 seconded by Heggemeier. Motion carried. **(Exhibit E)**

Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report (Exhibit F) Felchlia presented his monthly report to the board for approval a motion was made by Small seconded by Luna to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Kiefer Heiman County Highway Department Engineer had no resolutions for the board this month.

The Sheriff's Monthly Report & updates (Exhibit G) Sheriff Schultz presented his monthly report to the board. A motion was made by Elsesser to accept the Sheriff's report as presented seconded by Luna-Fuller motion carried. Sheriff Schultze told the board that he has hired Sierra Garrison to replace Brittany Bateman as Sheriff's Department secretary. They have 6 Federal and 2 County inmates in the jail.

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

The Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow Statement and Budgetary status Reports for Period ending 6/31/2026. (Exhibit I & J) a motion was made by Shemonic seconded by Karg to accept the report as presented subject to audit review. Motion carried.

Zoning:

#Z026-007 Jeff & Heather Miller ordinance to amend zoning map **(Exhibit K) 2026-130** A motion was made by Karg seconded by Malick motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent.

#Z026-008 Christopher Schmitz and Dennis Windler ordinance to amend zoning map **(Exhibit L) 2026-131** A motion was made by Karg seconded by Small. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent.

#Z026-009 Joe & Katie Wolters ordinance to amend zoning map **(Exhibit M) 2026-132** a motion was made by Karg seconded by Todd. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent

#Z026-010 Matthew Janowski & Cheyenne Bell ordinance to amend zoning map **(Exhibit N) 2026-133**. A motion was made by Karg seconded by Bening. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent.

A motion was made by Karg seconded by Brammeier to approve Resolution No. 2026-126 **(Exhibit O)** approving a text amendment to the Washington County zoning Code regarding Energy Storage Systems. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes, 1 nay and 1 absent. Voting nay was Todd

A motion was made by Karg seconded by Small to approve Resolution No. 2026-127 **(Exhibit P)** approving a text amendment to the Washington County zoning Code regarding commercial wind energy facilities. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes, 1 nay and 1 absent. Voting nay was Todd

A motion was made by Karg seconded by Brammeier to approve Resolution No. 2026-128 **(Exhibit Q)** approving a text amendment to the Washington County zoning Code regarding commercial solar energy facilities. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes, 1 nay and 1 absent. Voting nay was Todd

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Animal Control- Report of Animal Control activity for the month of June (Informational only) **(Exhibit R)**

A motion was made by Brammeier seconded by Bening to approve Resolution 2026-129 (Exhibit S) authorizing the placement of an advisory question on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot. A referendum about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people. Motion carried. Brammeier requested roll call vote. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent.

Shemonic made a motion to go into closed session under ILCS C-25 real estate, he requested State's Attorney May to stay, seconded by Luna-Fuller motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes. Entered closed session at 7:53 pm.

Back into open session at 8:13 pm.

Brammeier Chairman of the Building Committee would like more information on what is needed and required to build a new Animal Control building. Chairman Meyer told the Animal Control and Building Committees that they need to meet and figure out what is needed before they proceed any further and involve an architect. The 2 committees will meet the week of July 17th.

The Claims against the County Report was presented to the Board for approval by Karg. TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE MET ON June 8, 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 S**) A motion was made by Karg seconded by Small to approve payment motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent.

A motion was made by Karg and seconded by Heggemeier to approve the County Board Expenses. Motion carried. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 1 absent.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Luna-Fuller suggested that the County Board members go digital/electronic for monthly Board packets and other county business. She would like to do away with paper for board packets. Jeff Twardowski said he would look into possible grants.

A motion was made by Luna-Fuller seconded by Bronke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Shari Hempen, Washington County Clerk and Clerk of the Board



WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

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

COUNTY BOARD MEETING:

7:00 P.M TUESDAY, July 14, 2026

AGENDA

1. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call
4. Acknowledgment of Guests
5. Approval of the June 9, 2026 County Board Minutes
6. Public's opportunity to address the Board (limited to 3 minutes per person)
7. Andrea Renken-Circuit Clerk
8. Krystal Althoff-EMA Administrator
9. County Clerk & Recorder's Monthly Report
10. Approve Election Judge Appointments for 2026-2028
11. Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report
12. Highway Dept: No Resolutions
13. Sheriff's Monthly Report
14. State's Attorney's Monthly Report
15. Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow & Budgetary Status Report
16. Zoning:
 - #Z026-007 Jeff & Heather Miller amendment to change the Zone Dist. Classification on 6 acres from Ag to R-1
 - #Z026-008 Christopher Schmitz & Dennis Windler amendment to change the Zone Dist. Classification on 3 acres from Ag to R-1
 - #Z026-009 Joe & Katie Wolters amendment to change the Zone Dist. Classification on 2 acres from Ag to R-1
 - #Z026-010 Matthew Janowski & Cheyenne Bell amendment to change the Zone Dist. Classification on 2 acres from Ag to R-1
 - Discuss/Approve revised Washington County Energy Storage Systems Ordinance
 - Discuss/Approve revised Washington County Wind Energy Facilities Ordinance
 - Discuss/Approve revised Washington County Commercial Solar Energy Facilities
17. Committee Reports:
 - Animal Control:
Discuss/Approve Relocation of Animal Control
 - Legislative:
Discuss/Approve Authorizing the Placement of an Advisory Question on the Ballot for the General Election to be held November 3, 2026
18. Claims Against the County
19. Approve County Board Expenses
20. Approve Monthly Utility Expenses & Payroll Expenses
21. 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:	District 2:	District 3:
Kurt Elsesser	Dan Bronke	Douglas Bening
Dani Luna-Fuller	Alan Hohlt	Eric Brammeier Vice-Chairman
Eric Mallick	Dave Ibendahl	David Meyer - Chairman
Rodney Small	Dennis Shemonic	Paul Todd
Larry Unverfehrt	Kyle Heggemeier	David Karg



REFERENDUM

"Shall the Board of _____ County correspond with the boards of the other counties of Illinois outside of Cook County, about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and to seek admission to the union as such, subject to the approval of the people?"

EXPLANATION

1. According to the Declaration of Independence, government derives its "just powers by the CONSENT of the governed". Many of us no longer consent to being governed by the Cook County-dominated legislature which seems unaware of how differently the rest of the state lives, our values and morals, or how laws for the city of Chicago are often inappropriate and oppressive to the rest of the state.
2. This non-binding referendum does not make the split happen but is important because the vote shows the will of "We the People" and informs local, state, and federal officials. According to U.S. Constitution Article IV, Section 3, approval by the Illinois Legislature and Congress are required for statehood. "Home rule" is irrelevant, superseded by the "Supremacy Clause" (Article VI, Clause 2)
3. The Referendum gives county boards and commissioners a "seat at the table" to discuss the possibility of separating.
4. We are aware that debt and pension obligations will need to be divided fairly, and there are universities and prisons to consider.
5. We are aware Cook County contributes a sizable amount to the State of Illinois; however, Cook also has significant expenses, such as debt and pension load. There are areas we would save money by separating. With different laws, we would attract businesses.
6. AFTER the will of "We the People" is known through voting, THEN discussions about finances can begin. Until voting, we cannot know which counties are in favor of exploring statehood or what we have to work with. Passing the Referendum gives local officials consent and direction from its citizens to communicate with other consenting counties about assets, liabilities and other details.
7. It is our first Amendment right to petition the government for a redress of grievances. Because of the Cook County-dominated legislature, we see no way to have our grievances resolved other than through forming a new state.
8. Our goal is to realign the new state with the U.S. Constitution, restore representational government, and return more power to the county level.
9. If county officials take a vote to approve putting the Referendum on ballots, a "YES" vote means the official favors giving citizens the opportunity to be heard at the ballot box, either for or against exploring separation, regardless of their own opinion.

will be voting to separate from the state of Illinois this November. Currently, 33 counties have already voted to separate.

[Q: what county are you in, and do you believe your County should separate from Chicago/Cook County?]

The 7 counties that will vote on the referendum are:

- Henderson County
- Coles County
- Macoupin County
- Monroe County
- Hamilton County
- Saline County
- Gallatin County

The referendums will ask whether

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CASE	NAME COMMENT	CHECK IN	AGENCY	RCPT PAYMENT 10% B.F. BRN USER NUMBER TYPE	TOTAL
SUBTOTAL	01/2026	Excl from deposit:	18,621.83	Deposit total:	15,539.06
SUBTOTAL	02/2026	Excl from deposit:	18,190.90	Deposit total:	14,047.90
SUBTOTAL	03/2026	Excl from deposit:	23,839.68	Deposit total:	20,115.50
SUBTOTAL	04/2026	Excl from deposit:	21,764.37	Deposit total:	12,349.14
SUBTOTAL	05/2026	Excl from deposit:	24,294.77	Deposit total:	13,173.17
SUBTOTAL	06/2026	Excl from deposit:	30,041.26	Deposit total:	29,347.29
TOTAL	1426 RECEIPTS				241,324.87

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FEE	CASH IN	CASH OUT	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	CHECK NO.
Fine	53,241.88	469.50	53,711.38	53,711.38	A00000000000
Nonstandard	552.75	.00	552.75	552.75	A00000000000
Clerk	8,834.10	137.00	8,971.10	8,974.34	A00000000000
02.0000% Surcharge			.00		
02.5000% Trauma			.52		
10.0000% DV Battery			.00		
10.0000% DV Abuser Svc			.00		
02.0000% DNA ID			.00		
04.0000% DNA ID			.00		
05.0000% DNA ID			.00		
02.5000% Spinal Cord			.12		
10.0000% Fire Prevention			.00		
05.0000% Youth Diversion			.00		
01.4666% Lump Sum Surchg			1.32		
01.6000% Lump Sum Surchg			1.28		
10.0000% Fire Equip Fund			.00		
02.0000% Foreclosure Prev			.00		
02.0000% Abandoned Prop			.00		
02.5000% ISP Merit Board			.00		
State's Atty	2,231.92	65.00	2,296.92	2,296.92	A00000000000
Court	6,634.35	105.00	6,739.35	6,739.35	A00000000000
Automation	7,842.27	65.00	7,907.27	7,907.27	A00000000000
Driver Ed	685.02	8.00	693.02	693.02	A00000000000
Violent Crime	2,309.53	106.00	2,415.53	2,415.53	A00000000000
Law Library	3,090.00	.00	3,090.00	3,090.00	A00000000000
Judicial Security	16,216.61	115.00	16,331.61	16,331.61	A00000000000
Drug Enforcement	300.00	.00	300.00	300.00	A00000000000
Restitution	40,480.26	230.14	40,710.40	40,710.40	A00000000000
Probation	9,712.64	.00	9,712.64	9,712.64	A00000000000
MR & MX - Intrastate			.00		
MR & MX - Interstate			.00		
Other			9,712.64		
Document Storage	7,770.26	65.00	7,835.26	7,835.26	A00000000000
Drug Crime Lab	.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	A00000000000
Drug Treatment	1,775.00	278.85	2,053.85	2,053.85	A00000000000
Lab Analysis	65.00	.00	65.00	65.00	A00000000000
Trauma Center SCHD	820.56	.00	820.56	820.04	A00000000000
Subject to 0% clerk admin fee deduction			799.56		
Subject to 2.5% clerk admin fee deduction			21.00		
Emergency Response	118.41	.00	118.41	118.41	A00000000000
County Fee	40.61	.00	40.61	40.61	A00000000000
State Fee--16.825%	17.67	.00	17.67	17.67	A00000000000
Medical Costs	219.00	.00	219.00	219.00	A00000000000
DNA Identification	80.35	.00	80.35	80.35	A00000000000
Subject to 0% clerk admin fee deduction			80.35		
Subject to 2% clerk admin fee deduction			.00		
Subject to 4% clerk admin fee deduction			.00		
Subject to 5% clerk admin fee deduction			.00		
DUI Fund	1,417.88	.00	1,417.88	1,417.88	A00000000000
Spinal Cord Trust	25.00	.00	25.00	24.88	A00000000000
Subject to 0% clerk admin fee deduction			20.00		
Subject to 2.5% clerk admin fee deduction			5.00		
T&CCSF	3,704.00	40.00	3,744.00	3,744.00	A00000000000
Transfer Fee	125.00	.00	125.00	125.00	A00000000000
Fire Prevention	584.77	.00	584.77	584.77	A00000000000
From CFS			22.00		
Subject to 0% clerk admin fee deduction			22.00		
Subject to 10% clerk admin fee deduction			.00		
Lump Sum Surcharge	170.00	.00	170.00	167.40	A00000000000
Subject to 0% clerk admin fee deduction			.00		
Subject to 1.4666% clerk admin fee deduction			90.00		
Subject to 1.60% clerk admin fee deduction			80.00		
Clerk Operations	80.00	5.00	85.00	85.00	A00000000000
+02.0% Foreclosure Prev			.00		
+02.0% Abandoned Res Prp			.00		
+02.0% FPP Graduated Fnd			.00		
Clerk Op Scheduled	1,887.50	10.00	1,897.50	1,897.50	A00000000000
Prisoner Rvw Board	63.00	1.00	64.00	64.00	A00000000000
Police Vehicle Fnd	20.00	.00	20.00	20.00	A00000000000
Child Advocacy Fee	190.00	.00	190.00	190.00	A00000000000
SA Collections	1,454.73	.00	1,454.73	1,454.73	A00000000000
State Police Svcs	30.00	.00	30.00	30.00	A00000000000

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FEE	CASH IN	CASH OUT	SUBTOTAL	TOTAL	CHECK NO.
State Police Ops	3,392.46	20.00	3,412.46	3,412.46	A00000000000
FTA Warrant Fee	140.00-	70.00	70.00-	70.00-	A00000000000
E-Citation Fee	1,895.30	20.00	1,915.30	1,915.30	A00000000000
100.0% Clerk			.00		A00000000000
80.0% Clerk			1,528.24		
60.0% Clerk			3.00		
40.0% Agencies			2.00		
20.0% Agencies			382.06		
SA Automation Fee	518.00	8.00	526.00	526.00	A00000000000
Pill Disposal Fund	38.00	.00	38.00	38.00	A00000000000
CV Police Op Fund	225.00	.00	225.00	225.00	A00000000000
Probation Ops Fee	30.00	.00	30.00	30.00	A00000000000
ISP Merit Board	789.78	10.00	799.78	799.78	A00000000000
Subject to 0% clerk admin fee deduction			799.78		
Subject to 2.5% clerk admin fee deduction			.00		
Guardian/Advocacy	1,330.00	.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	A00000000000
CJI Project Fund	28.00	.00	28.00	28.00	A00000000000
Access to Justice	422.00	.00	422.00	422.00	A00000000000
E-Business	171.00	.00	171.00	171.00	A00000000000
Arrest Agency Fee	4,074.00	20.00	4,094.00	4,094.00	A00000000000
PD Automation	32.00	.00	32.00	32.00	A00000000000
Camera Grant	428.00	8.00	436.00	436.00	A00000000000
SC Special Purpose	1,728.00	.00	1,728.00	1,728.00	A00000000000
Court Services	300.00	.00	300.00	300.00	A00000000000
Clerk SCHED	29,752.37	70.00	29,822.37	29,822.37	A00000000000
	217,803.98	2,026.49	219,830.47	219,830.47	

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MISCELLANEOUS FEE	DEPOSIT	PASS-THROUGH	CHECK NO.
interest/cd	544.02	.00	A00000000000
interest/checking	.00	8.73	A00000000000
	544.02	8.73	

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AGENCY	CITY ATTY	BOND FORFEITURE	ARR AGN FINE	PMT AGN FINE	ADJ ADD C.A. B.F.	CHECK NO.
County Crm & Juv	.00	.00	.00	37,482.47	37,482.47	A0000000000
County Traffic	.00	.00	.00	8,637.06	8,637.06	A0000000000
State Conservation	.00	.00	.00	1,425.00	1,425.00	A0000000000
State Police	.00	.00	.00	3,321.50	3,321.50	A0000000000
Nashville	.00	.00	.00	1,424.92	1,424.92	A0000000000
Okawville	.00	.00	.00	1,395.43	1,395.43	A0000000000
Wamac	.00	.00	.00	25.00	25.00	A0000000000
	.00	.00	.00	53,711.38	53,711.38	

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Police Vehicle Fnd	DEPOSIT	DEDUCT	TOTAL	CHECK NO.
Nashville	20.00	.00	20.00	A00000000000
Error	.00			
	20.00	.00	20.00	

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Arrest Agency Fee	DEPOSIT	DEDUCT	TOTAL	CHECK NO.
County Crm & Juv	46.00	.00	46.00	A0000000000
County Traffic	1,938.00	.00	1,938.00	A0000000000
State Police	1,102.00	.00	1,102.00	A0000000000
Nashville	256.00	.00	256.00	A0000000000
Okawville	742.00	.00	742.00	A0000000000
Wamac	10.00	.00	10.00	A0000000000
Error	.00			
	4,094.00	.00	4,094.00	

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E-Citation Fee	DEPOSIT	DEDUCT	TOTAL	CHECK NO.
County Crm & Juv	98.00	77.40	20.60	A0000000000
County Traffic	864.80	691.84	172.96	A0000000000
State Conservation	90.00	72.00	18.00	A0000000000
State Police	430.00	344.00	86.00	A0000000000
Nashville	110.00	88.00	22.00	A0000000000
Okawville	312.50	250.00	62.50	A0000000000
Wamac	10.00	8.00	2.00	A0000000000
Error	.00			A0000000000
	1,915.30	1,531.24	384.06	

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SUBTOTAL	Cash	49,888.42
SUBTOTAL	Certified check	3,207.00
SUBTOTAL	Money order	23,141.50
SUBTOTAL	Personal check	12,102.84
SUBTOTAL	Company check	16,232.30
SUBTOTAL	Online payment	56,847.67
SUBTOTAL	EPay 2	30,013.93
SUBTOTAL	Collection agency EFT	2,847.71
SUBTOTAL	EFile 2	47,043.50

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CLASSIFICATION

			TOTAL
VOUCHERS			157,554.75
OVERPAYMENT			.00
PASS-THROUGH		8.73	
BONDS			64,817.00
RECLASSIFICATION			
FROM CASH TAKEN IN REPORTING PERIOD		65,744.49	
FROM CASH TAKEN PRIOR TO REPORTING PERIOD	61,918.00		
	3,826.49		
REFUNDS			
FROM CASH TAKEN IN REPORTING PERIOD		3,477.50	
FROM CASH TAKEN PRIOR TO REPORTING PERIOD	1,677.50		
	1,800.00		
NON-DEPOSIT ADJUSTMENTS	.00		
DEPOSIT SUPPORT			18,813.12
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES			
DEPOSIT			
PASS-THROUGH			140.00
POSITIVE	.00		
NEGATIVE	.00		
TOTAL	A00000000000		
		140.00	
DEPOSIT TOTAL			
SUPPORT EXCLUDED FROM DEPOSIT (EFT & CC)		51.00	104,572.06
SUPPORT EXCLUDED FROM DEPOSIT (EPAY2)		.00	
SUPPORT EXCLUDED FROM DEPOSIT (EFILE2)		.00	
COURT PAYMENTS EXCLUDED FROM DEPOSIT (CC & ONLINE)		.00	
COURT PAYMENTS EXCLUDED FROM DEPOSIT (EPAY2)		59,644.38	
COURT PAYMENTS EXCLUDED FROM DEPOSIT (EFILE2)		30,013.93	
		47,043.50	



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Zoning Office & Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Solar Project Activity

- Solar development projects across Washington County continue progressing at the expected pace. Currently no building permit applications have been received on the approved projects.
- One variance request was submitted by Addison Solar (Aholt Project) to allow above-ground conduit placement instead of burying lines.
- A representative from RWE requested information regarding a future Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project potentially located near Okawville.
- A complaint alleging unauthorized BESS construction was investigated and determined to be soil sampling only—no pilings were driven—and work was approved to continue after clarification with the developer.

Zoning & Permitting

- 5 Building Permits issued this month.
- 3 Building Permits currently in process.
- 4 Zoning Map Amendments processed and awaiting County Board approval.
- 1 Variance Request pending for the July ZBA hearing (Addison Solar).

Staffing & Office Administration

- Carla Neill began part-time employment (18 hrs./week) and is assisting with office processes and upkeep.
- General office organization and cleaning continue.

Ordinance Enforcement

- One ordinance violation is still lingering:– Highline Road (Ashley): Extension expired; no progress observed. Next steps will be coordinated with Crystal May.

EMA Fleet & Equipment

- Two EMA vehicles sold via sealed bid for a total of \$7,017.00 (2015 Ford Explorer and 2010 Chevy Silverado).
- Remaining squad car is being used for Zoning/EMA operations until a replacement



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vehicle with proper towing capacity can be purchased.

- Listed “Victoria” Mobile Command Unit for sale through Brinlee Fire Apparatus, the original vendor, as part of ongoing fleet management and equipment planning.

Emergency Management Training & Certification

- Completed three FEMA/EMA training courses this month.
- Registered for one two-day class in August and one two-day class in September—both in Mt. Vernon and required for certification.
- Attended the District 8 Regional EMA Meeting on 7/9/26.

Federal Compliance & Grant Activity

- Successfully renewed the county’s SAM.gov registration, restoring federal and state grant eligibility.
- Began preparation of the 2025–2026 EMPG grant; deadline is July 29, 2026. EMPG is the grant that reimburses the County for a portion of EMA Salaries. Anticipated completion is the week of July 20. Gaps in historical data have caused minor delays.

Safety Officer Duties

- Assisted during an OSHA inspection at the Highway Department on 7/10/26, providing historical information and gaining valuable insight into the County’s safety responsibilities.

Washington County Fair Support

- Assisted MABAS with cooling tent installation on 7/8/26. Provided traffic control for concert attendees on 7/10/26. Supplied daily weather briefings throughout fair week.

COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster)

- Attended Monthly COAD meeting in Okawville.
- Developed updated membership applications and flyers to support recruitment.
- Continued coordination with local and regional partners to strengthen community disaster support capabilities.

WASHINGTON COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
REPORT OF COLLECTIONS
COLLECTION FOR THE PERIOD 6/1/2026-6/30/2026

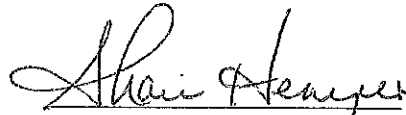
JUNE 2026:

Beginning Balances: \$ 2,087.34
Fees Collected: 43,018.81
Total \$ 45,106.15

DISBURSEMENTS:

Tax Redemptions \$ 5,222.73
Tax Redemptions Interest 669.67
Take Notice/Petitions .00
Laredo 664.29

Disbursements \$ 6,556.69
Balance: \$38,549.46


SHARI HEMPEN
CLERK/RECORDER
WASHINGTON COUNTY



JUNE 30, 2026

WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER:

(G.I.S. ASSESSOR FUND) \$ 4,370.00
(G. I.S. RECORDER FUND) 230.00

ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE:

(R.H.S.P. - \$18.00 PER 222 DOC) 3,996.00

IL DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

(\$4.00 SURCHARGE DEATH CERT) 40.00

STATE TREASURER, IL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(MARRIAGE LICENSE SURCHARGE) 30.00

NATALIE LYNCH, WASHINGTON COUNTY TREASURER:

(RECORDER AUTO FUND) 1,840.00

MYDEC - REAL ESTATE STAMP PAYMENT 5,869.00

NATALIE LYNCH, WASHINGTON CO TREASURER:

(DOCUMENT STORAGE FEES). 690.00

(FEE'S COLLECTED) 19,397.12

TOTAL \$36,342.12

TOTAL DISBURSEMENT \$43,018.81

Remaining Balance Tax Redemption #130068: \$458.16

Tax Redemption #130041: \$207.91

Tax Redemption #140063: \$275.41

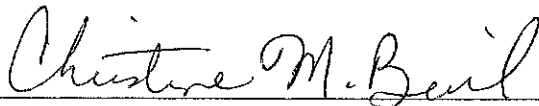
Tax Redemption#2014-000054: \$927.26

Tax Redemption#2014-000058: \$218.60

Total remaining balance \$2,087.34

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026.

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



NOTARY



LIST OF JUDGES OF ELECTION FOR CONFIRMATION

The following persons are duly submitted by Shari Hempen
Election Authority for Washington County, to serve as Judges of
Election for a term of two years commencing with their appointment and serving until their
successors are duly appointed and qualified.

July 14, 2026
Date

Shari Hempen
Signature of Election Authority

The following named persons have been approved
approved for submission to the Circuit Court of
Washington County.

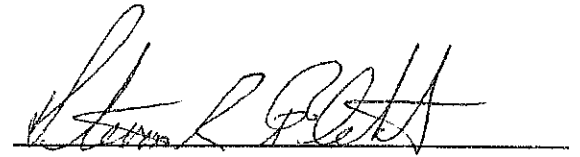
David R. Meyer July 14, 2026
Signature of Board Chair Date

REPUBLICAN PARTY

LIST OF ELECTION JUDGES

The following is a list of persons submitted for approval as Judges of Election for a term of two years commencing with their appointment and serving until they or their successors are duly qualified.

7/13/2026
Dated

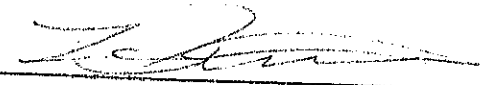

Signature of Chairman-Political Party

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

LIST OF ELECTION JUDGES

The following is a list of persons submitted for approval as Judges of Election for a term of two years commencing with their appointment and serving until they or their successors are duly qualified.

06-23-2024
Dated


Signature of Chairman-Political Party



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

Phone: (618) 327-3075

Fax: (618) 327-7281

Monthly Report

Receipts/Billing

June Income from Fees \$ 97,476.58 -- **5yr Average** = \$ 73,351.33

2025 NET Income from Power Truck Shift - \$ 114,498.91

2026 NET Income from Power Truck Shift - \$ 60,920.23

Total Expenses

June Bills \$ 36,555.44

June Salaries \$ 115,743.00

	Total Calls for FY 2026		5yr Average
December 2025:	245	-	187
January 2026:	223	-	177
February 2026:	188	-	162
March 2026:	205	-	183
April 2026:	204	-	185
May 2026:	219	-	178
June 2026:	219	-	165
July 2026:		-	
August 2026:		-	
September 2026:		-	
October 2026:		-	
November 2026:		-	

2026 Totals: 1,427



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ROSS J. SCHULTZE
SHERIFF



I, CHARLES CARROLL, CHIEF DEPUTY OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
STATES THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE EARNINGS OF THE SHERIFF'S
OFFICE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026.

FEES EARNED	\$ 26.00
FEES COLLECTED AND PAID TO THE COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 1,360.00
DIETING PRISONERS	\$ 4,461.13
PATROL MILEAGE	24,998
SALARIES	\$ 144,296.53
BILLS	\$38,105.37
FEDERAL HOUSING/TRANSPORT	\$ 20,106.65

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	Total: 23
BURGLARIES/THEFTS	Total: 2
DOMESTICS	Total: 12
TRAFFIC STOPS	Total: 155
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	38
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	28
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	127
COUNTY INMATES	5
FEDERAL INMATES	7

Charles S. Carroll
Chief Deputy
Washington County Sheriff's Office

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618-327-8274 (Office) * 618-327-8275 (Fax)
www.wcso-il.com

STATE'S ATTORNEY'S REPORT

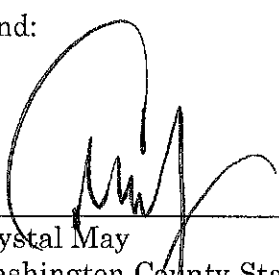
To: Circuit Court and Washington County Board, Washington County, Illinois.

The State's Attorney of Washington County, Illinois, respectfully submits the following report of fees paid to her from June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026.

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

REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED AND PAID

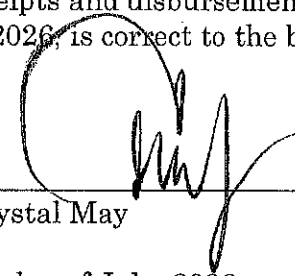
June 2026 – State's Attorney General Fund:	\$ 528.85
June 2026 – State's Attorney Drug Prevention Fund:	\$ 6.25
June 2026 – State's Attorney Automation Fund:	\$ 108.50
June 2026 – Restitution Received:	\$ 451.75



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

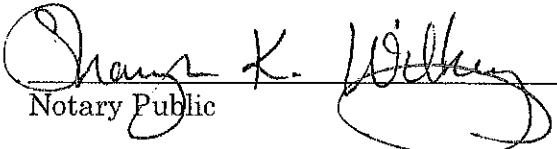
State of Illinois)
) ss.
County of Washington)

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 June 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Crystal May

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of July, 2026.



Notary Public



Cash balances as of June 30, 2026

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Account Number	Description	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	End Balance
	GENERAL FUND CHECKING	320,655.98	443,266.81	622,753.82	141,168.97
	TOTAL FUNDS: GENERAL FUND	320,655.98	443,266.81	622,753.82	141,168.97
	GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS	119,620.36	412.17	0.00	120,032.53
	VETERANS ASSISTANCE BALANCE	-24,641.84	0.00	4,620.13	-29,261.97
	DRUG ENF TASK FORCE BALANCE	512,081.65	0.00	0.00	512,081.65
	HEALTH DEPARTMENT BALANCE	517,358.65	20,697.50	44,794.41	487,984.74
	WASH CO. EMERG SERVICE BALAN	2,736,400.93	123,476.58	195,842.37	444,992.86
	RECORDER'S AUTOMATION BALANC	34,437.09	118,045.10	156,196.14	2,698,249.89
	COUNTY COURT FUND BALANCE	218,989.03	1,378.36	1,250.00	34,565.45
	AUTOMATION BALANCE	183,305.63	1,097.55	12,009.40	208,077.18
	IAM LIBRARY BALANCE	4,274.68	1,288.67	0.00	184,594.30
	CHILD SUPPORT BALANCE	149,212.31	480.27	1,112.93	3,642.02
	PROBATION BALANCE	274,778.87	55.80	0.00	149,268.11
	L. DUECKER BALANCE	0.00	1,700.23	0.00	276,479.10
	DUI EQUIPMENT BALANCE	13,442.11	0.00	0.00	0.00
	EMINENT DOMAIN BALANCE	0.00	800.55	4,055.98	10,186.68
	SHERIFF'S DRUG BALANCE	56,750.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
	TAX SALE AUTOMATION BALANCE	39,691.64	827.23	3,478.47	54,099.52
	INDEMNITY BALANCE	93,851.23	1,011.80	0.00	40,703.44
	INHERITANCE BALANCE	0.00	39.32	0.00	93,890.55
	UNKNOWN HEIRS BALANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	COUNTY HIGHWAY BALANCE	1,613,042.17	70,921.07	69,428.09	1,614,535.15
	COUNTY BRIDGE BALANCE	980,214.82	616.02	49,646.09	931,184.75
	MATCHING FUNDS BALANCE	1,668,937.87	616.02	0.00	1,669,553.89
	COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX BALANCE	2,422,156.04	39,295.92	4,141.94	2,457,310.02
	ROAD DIST MOTOR FUEL TAX BALANCE	3,509,761.93	125,287.90	101,266.93	3,533,782.90
	TOWNSHIP BRIDGE BALANCE	150,526.27	3.83	0.00	150,530.10
	WASH. COUNTY TORT LIABILITY	1,157,723.10	0.00	10,760.00	1,146,963.10
	SOLID WASTE PROGRAM	786.48	0.00	220.00	566.48
	STATES ATTORNEY DRUG PREVENT	48,950.11	27.94	0.00	48,978.05
	SECURITY FEES FUND	15,061.32	2,766.60	0.00	17,827.92
	SALE IN ERROR FUND	138,883.88	59.75	0.00	138,943.63
	DOCUMENT STORAGE FUND	383,161.86	1,294.55	0.00	384,456.41
	RECORDERS SPECIAL FUND	22,180.98	172.00	0.00	22,352.98
	G.I.S. MAPPING FUND	100,565.18	3,270.55	0.00	100,335.73
	CLERK OPERATIONS ADD-ONS	80,193.04	309.00	100.70	80,401.34
	POLICE VEHICLE FUND	5.00	0.12	0.00	5.12
	WASH CO PET POPULATION	5,648.53	120.00	0.00	5,768.53
	CONTROL FUND				
	PRARIE STATE REVENUE FUND	4,621,511.48	1,717.50	81,838.30	4,541,390.68
	DOG AND CAT WELFARE FUND	68,115.56	495.00	147.00	68,463.56
	CORONERS FUND	4,372.88	200.00	0.00	4,572.88
	GENERAL OBLIGATIONS BONDS 2010	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	ELECTRONIC CITATION FUND	10,866.25	28.35	0.00	10,894.60
	DEBT SERVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	STATE'S ATTORNEY AUTOMATION	24,042.45	69.75	0.00	24,112.20
	CO CLERK DOCUMENT STORAGE	34,849.00	516.00	0.00	35,365.00

WASHINGTON COUNTY BUDGETARY STATUS

Fund 001 COUNTY GENERAL FUND
Department 00

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Period Ending Date: June 30, 2026

Account Number Account Name	Previous Actual	Original Budget	Adjustments to Budget	Current Total Budget	Month-to-date Actual	Current Year-to-date Actual	Current Budget Balance	Percentage Spent/Received
Fund 001 COUNTY GENERAL FUND								
Fiscal Year 2026								
Department 00								
Revenues								
00-401.00 COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES	2,770,216.00	3,096,718.58	0.00	3,096,718.58	0.00	80,024.00	3,016,694.58	2.58%
00-402.00 COUNTY PROPERTY TAXES PRIOR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-402.01 INT ON PROPERTY TAX -PRIOR YRS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-403.00 INTEREST ON PROPERTY TAXES	50,865.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45,623.42	-45,623.42	100.00%
00-404.00 MOBILE HOME TAX	808.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,395.81	-1,395.81	100.00%
00-404.01 INTEREST ON MOBILE HOME TAX	1,577.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,885.70	-5,885.70	100.00%
00-405.00 SALES TAX/USE TAX	1,270,573.81	1,237,000.00	0.00	1,237,000.00	113,094.72	718,754.30	518,245.70	58.10%
00-411.00 STATE INCOME TAX	1,118,942.11	1,145,000.00	0.00	1,145,000.00	67,957.19	720,382.12	424,617.88	62.92%
00-412.00 REPLACEMENT TAX	275,143.68	305,112.00	0.00	305,112.00	0.00	144,024.49	161,087.51	47.20%
00-413.00 CORONER GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-413.01 ENERGY GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-413.02 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-413.99 GRANT INCOME: COVID RELIEF	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-414.00 PLAT BOOK SALES	1,220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.50	217.50	-217.50	100.00%
00-415.00 ASSESSORS SALARY REIMBURSE	14,122.28	32,600.00	0.00	32,600.00	2,664.58	18,652.06	13,947.94	57.21%
00-415.01 COUNTY BOARD REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-416.00 STATES ATTY REIMBURSEMENTS	147,043.20	135,892.65	0.00	135,892.65	12,863.98	90,047.86	45,844.79	66.26%
00-416.01 STATES ATTY GRANT ADVOCATE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
00-416.02 STATES ATTORNEY DUI PROSECUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%



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Krystal Althoff – Zoning Administrator

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING MAP

2026-130

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on Thursday June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, before the Zoning Board of Appeals and notice of said hearing was duly given; and

WHEREAS, an application #Z026-007 was presented by Jeff and Heather Miller requesting an amendment to the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (map) changing the Zone District Classification on **6 acres** from Ag to R-1:

Part of the North Quarter and Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 4 West, of the third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois. **Total Acreage consisting of 10 Acres +/-.**

Located at 7600 Little Prairie Rd., Nashville, IL

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended the:

☒ Approval
☐ Denial

the County Board of Washington County in the aforesaid findings and recommendations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the Zone District Classification of the above-described property from Ag. to R-1 to be ☒ Granted ☐ Denied.

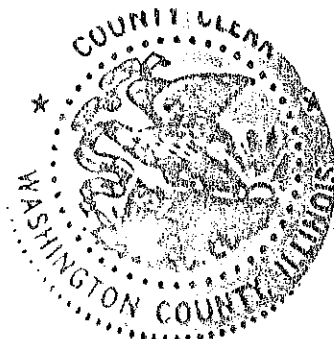
ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026.

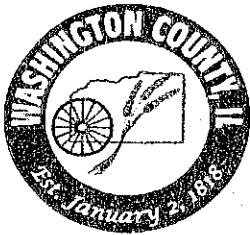
Aye 13
Nay 0
Abstain 0

Attest:

County Clerk

County Board Chairman





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ADVISORY REPORT/FINDING OF FACT LETTER

Zoning Map Amendment

To the Honorable David Meyer and Members of the Washington County Board:

RE: Case #Z026-007 Jeff & Heather Miller Map amendment

Your Zoning Board of Appeals submits for your consideration its recommendations on the above cited application for a Zoning map amendment.

The Subject Property:

Part of the North Quarter and Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 2 South, Range 4 West, of the third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois. Total Acreage consisting of 10 Acres +/-.

Location: 7600 Little Prairie Rd., Nashville, IL

Characteristics of the Surrounding Area:

Mostly AG with some Residential property nearby.

Zoning Map Amendment sought:

Requesting that 6 acres be rezoned from AG to R-1.

The Public Hearing:

After due notice as required by law, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the request for the Zoning Map Amendment cited above on June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville. Heather Miller was present to offer testimony. There were no oral objections to this request for the Zoning Map Amendment. There were no letters of objection read.



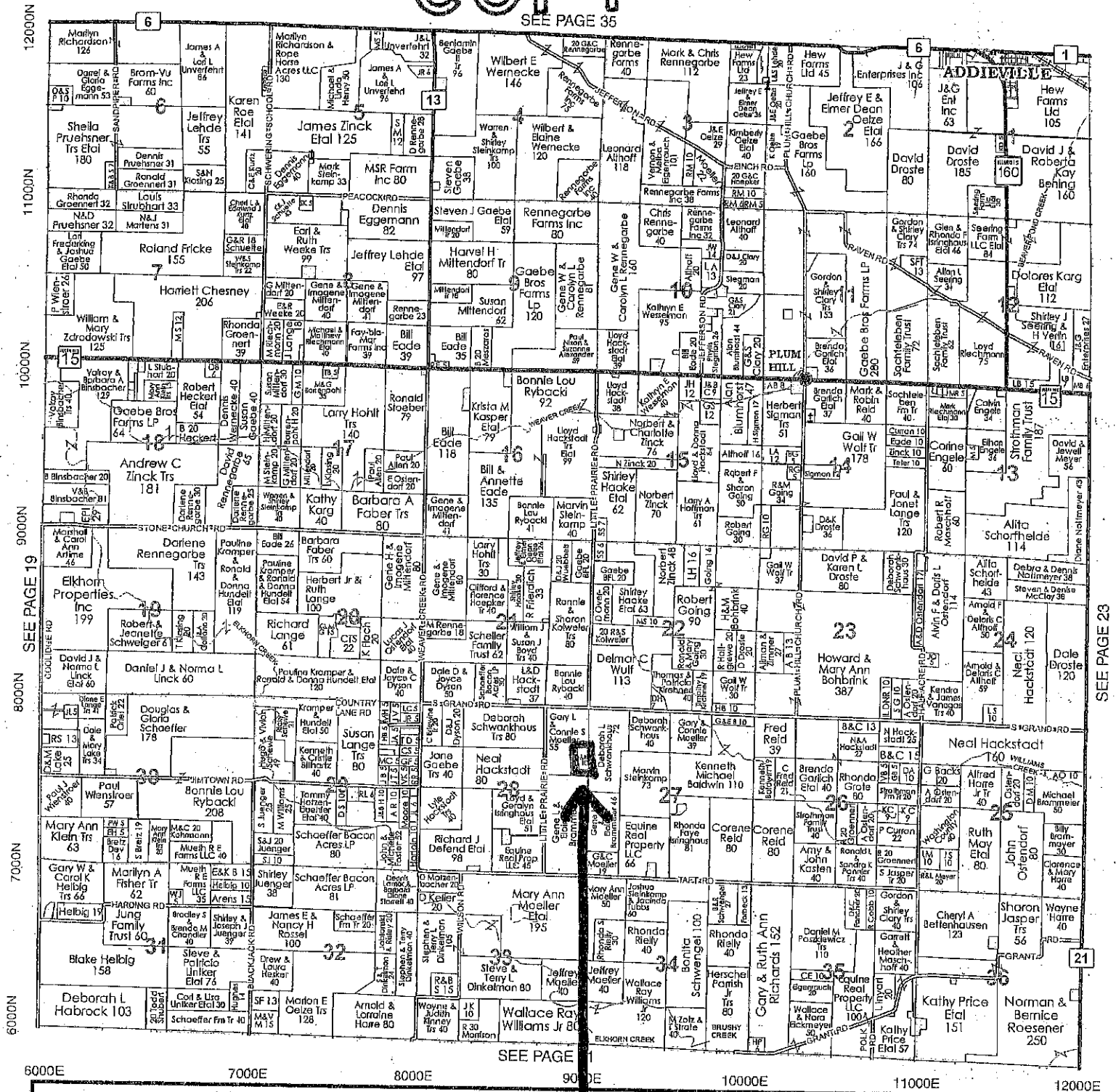
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Township 2S - Range 4W

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING MAP

2026-131

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on Thursday June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, before the Zoning Board of Appeals and notice of said hearing was duly given; and

WHEREAS, an application #Z026-008 was presented by Christopher Schmitz and Dennis Windler requesting an amendment to the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (map) changing the Zone District Classification on **3 acres on the north end of the parcel approximately 346' from the NE Corner of property from Ag to R-1:**

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 3 West. Except the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter – (.5 Acre for existing homeplace), of the Third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois. Total Parcel consisting of 59.5 Acres +/-.

Located near: 17286 Liberty School Rd., Nashville, IL

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended the:

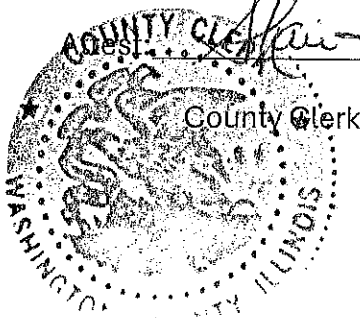
☒ Approval
☐ Denial

the County Board of Washington County in the aforesaid findings and recommendations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the Zone District Classification of the above-described property from Ag. to R-1 to be ☒ Granted ☐ Denied.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026.

Aye 13
Nay 0
Abstain 0



County Clerk

County Board Chairman



Washington County Zoning Office

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Krystal Althoff – Zoning Administrator

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ADVISORY REPORT/FINDING OF FACT LETTER

Zoning Map Amendment

To the Honorable David Meyer and Members of the Washington County Board:

RE: Case #Z026-008 Christopher Schmitz & Dennis Windler Zoning Map amendment

Your Zoning Board of Appeals submits for your consideration its recommendations on the above cited application for a Zoning map amendment.

The Subject Property:

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 1 South, Range 3 West. Except the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter – (.5 Acre for existing homeplace), of the Third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois. Total Parcel consisting of 59.5 Acres +/-.

Located near: 17286 Liberty School Road, Nashville, IL 62263

Characteristics of the Surrounding Area:

Mostly AG with some Residential property nearby.

Zoning Map Amendment sought:

3 acres on the North end of the parcel approximately 346' from the NE Corner of property from Ag to R-1 to build a new home.

The Public Hearing:

After due notice as required by law, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the request for the Zoning Map Amendment cited above on June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville. Chris Schmitz and Dennis Windler were present to offer testimony. There were no oral objections to this request for the Zoning Map Amendment. There were no letters of objection read.



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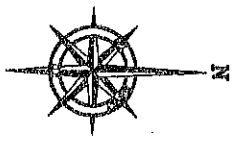
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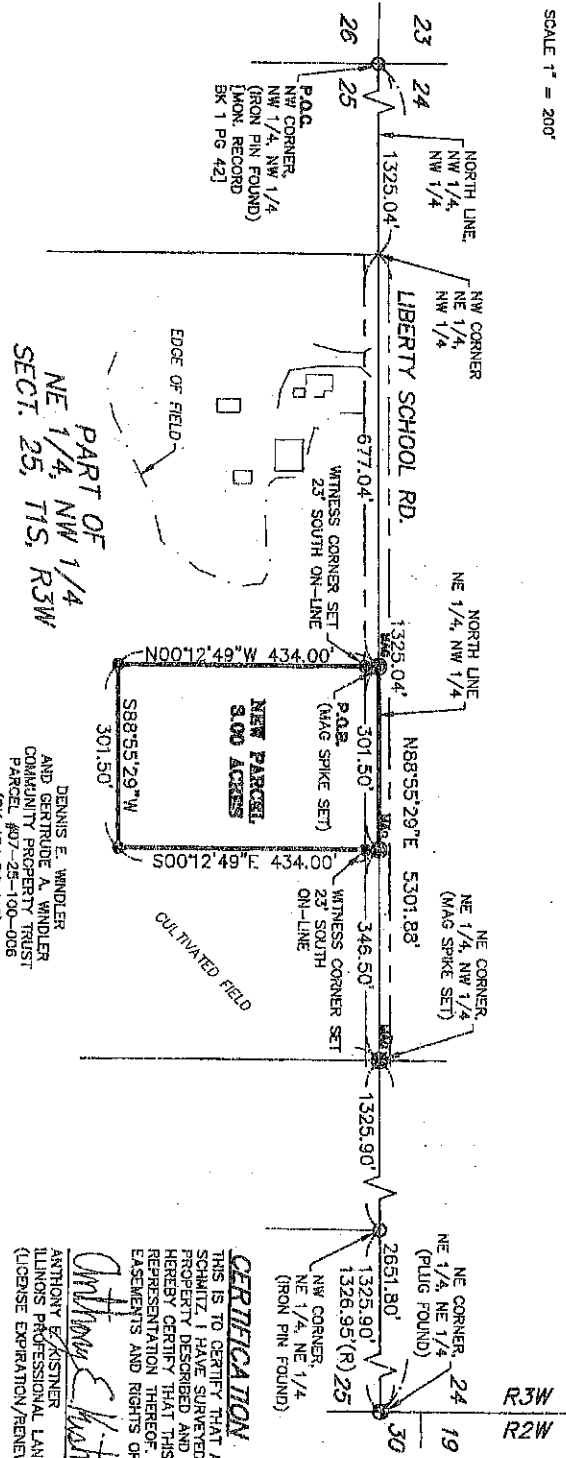
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ZONE GRID BEARINGS
MAD 83

PLAT OF SURVEY

PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER
OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE
THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.



SCALE 1" = 200'



LEGAL DESCRIPTION - NEW PARCEL

THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT AN IRON PIN FOUND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 25, THENCE NORTH 88°55'29" EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER SECTION 1325.04' FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 88°55'29" EAST ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER, 677.04' FEET TO A MAG SPIKE SET AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 88°55'29" EAST ON SAID NORTH LINE, 301.50 FEET TO A MAG SPIKE SET, THENCE SOUTH 00°12'49" EAST, 434.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET, THENCE SOUTH 88°55'29" WEST, 301.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIN SET, THENCE NORTH 00°12'49" WEST, 434.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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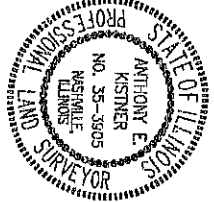
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- DEED AS LISTED HEREON
- PLAT OF SURVEY BY PLS #2065 FOR BRUNO WHITE (CAB. 2 SLIDE 48)
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- PLAT OF SURVEY BY PLS #3332 FOR WALTER NEIMANN, DATED 10/14/2009 (CAB. 3 SLIDE 154)
- PLAT OF SURVEY BY PLS #3332 FOR JARED FISHER, DATED 9/16/2025

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AT THE REQUEST OF CHRIS SCHMITZ, I HAVE SURVEYED, DIVIDED AND PLATTED THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND SHOWN HEREON AND DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PLAT IS A TRUE REPRESENTATION THEREOF, SURVEY IS SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY OF RECORD.

Anthony E. Kistner
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ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING MAP

2026-132

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on Thursday June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, before the Zoning Board of Appeals and notice of said hearing was duly given; and

WHEREAS, an application #Z026-009 was presented by Joe & Katie Wolters requesting an amendment to the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (map) changing the Zone District Classification on **2 acres on the north end of the parcel** from Ag to R-1:

10 Acres off the East Side of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27,
Township 1 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Washington County,
Illinois.

Located near 13647 Birch Rd., Hoyleton, IL

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended the:

☒ Approval
☐ Denial

the County Board of Washington County in the aforesaid findings and recommendations;
and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois
for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the Zone District Classification of the above-
described property from Ag. to R-1 to be ☒ Granted ☐ Denied.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026.

Aye 13

Nay 0

Abstain 0

Attest:

County Clerk

County Board Chairman





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ADVISORY REPORT/FINDING OF FACT LETTER

Zoning Map Amendment

To the Honorable David Meyer and Members of the Washington County Board:

RE: Case #Z026-009 Joe & Katie Wolters Zoning Map amendment

Your Zoning Board of Appeals submits for your consideration its recommendations on the above cited application for a Zoning map amendment.

The Subject Property:

10 Acres off the East Side of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 1 South, Range 2 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois. Total Parcel consisting of 10 acres +/-.

Location: 13647 Birch Rd., Hoyleton, IL

Characteristics of the Surrounding Area:

Mostly AG with some Residential property nearby.

Zoning Map Amendment sought:

Requesting that 2 acres on the North end be rezoned from AG to R-1 the remaining 8 acres will stay AG.

The Public Hearing:

After due notice as required by law, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the request for the Zoning Map Amendment cited above on June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville. Joe & Katie Wolters were present to offer testimony. There were no oral objections to this request for the Zoning Map Amendment. There were no letters of objection read.



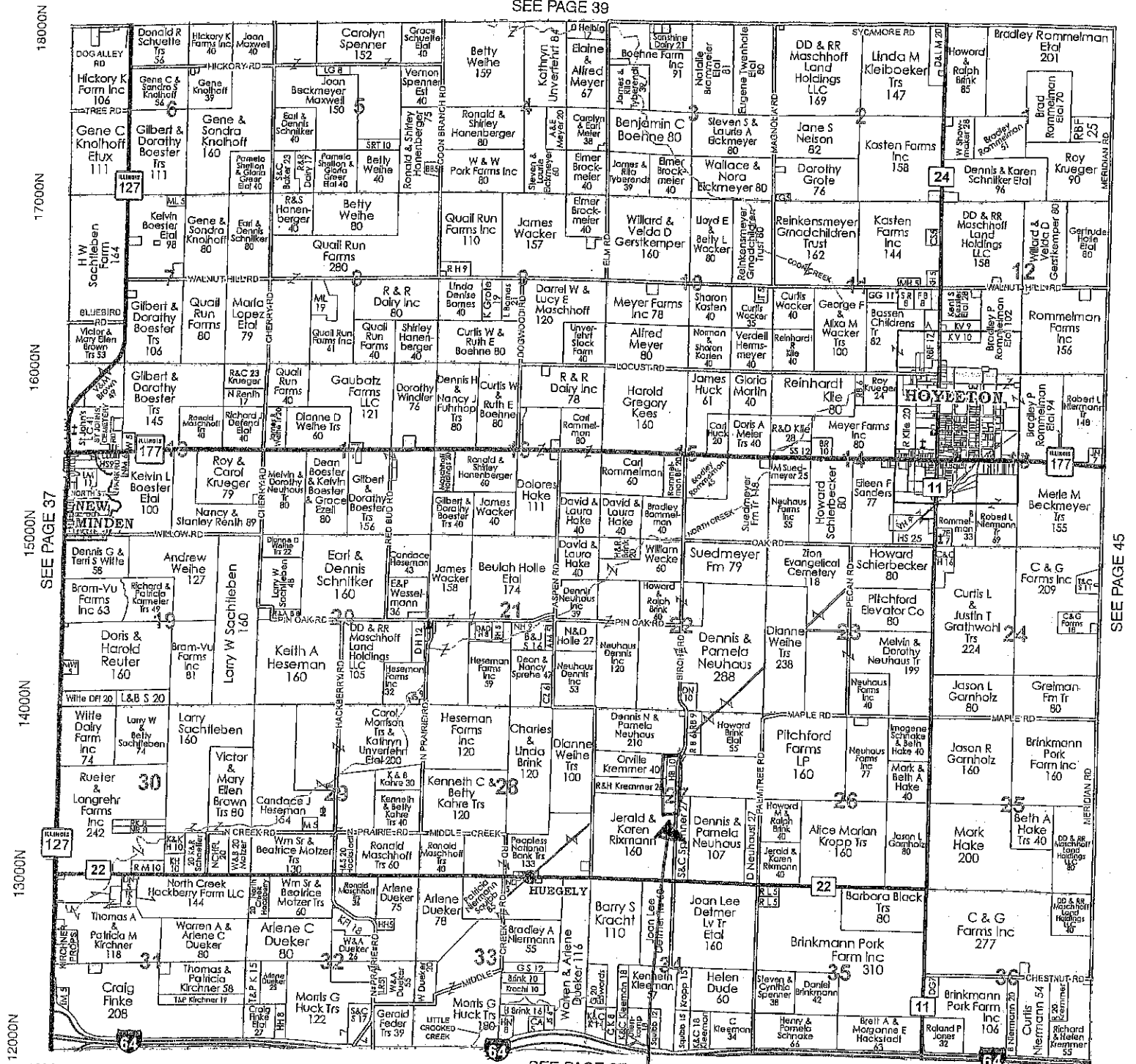
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ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING MAP

2026-133

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on Thursday June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm, before the Zoning Board of Appeals and notice of said hearing was duly given; and

WHEREAS, an application #Z026-010 was presented by Matthew Janowski & Cheyenne Bell requesting an amendment to the Washington County Zoning Ordinance (map) changing the Zone District Classification on 2 acres from Ag to R-1:

Part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 16, Township 3 South, of the Third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois. Total Acreage consisting of 2 Acres

Located near 3160 Quarry Road, Ashley, IL

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended the:

☒ Approval
☐ Denial

the County Board of Washington County in the aforesaid findings and recommendations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois for a Zoning Map Amendment to change the Zone District Classification of the above-described property from Ag. to R-1 to be ☒ Granted ☐ Denied.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026.

Aye 13

Nay 0

Abstain 0

Attest:

Shain Hemper

County Clerk

David A. Meyer

County Board Chairman





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ADVISORY REPORT/FINDING OF FACT LETTER

Zoning Map Amendment

To the Honorable David Meyer and Members of the Washington County Board:

RE: Case #Z026-010 Matthew Janowski & Cheyenne Bell Map amendment

Your Zoning Board of Appeals submits for your consideration its recommendations on the above cited application for a Zoning map amendment.

The Subject Property:

Part of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 16, Township 3 South, of the Third Principal Meridian, Washington County, Illinois.

Location: 3160 Quarry Rd., Nashville, IL

Characteristics of the Surrounding Area:

Mostly AG with some Residential property nearby.

Zoning Map Amendment sought:

Requesting that 2 acres be rezoned from AG to R-1.

The Public Hearing:

After due notice as required by law, the Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on the request for the Zoning Map Amendment cited above on June 25th, 2026, at 7:00 pm at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville. Matthew Janowski & Cheyenne Bell were present to offer testimony. There were no oral objections to this request for the Zoning Map Amendment. There were no letters of objection read.



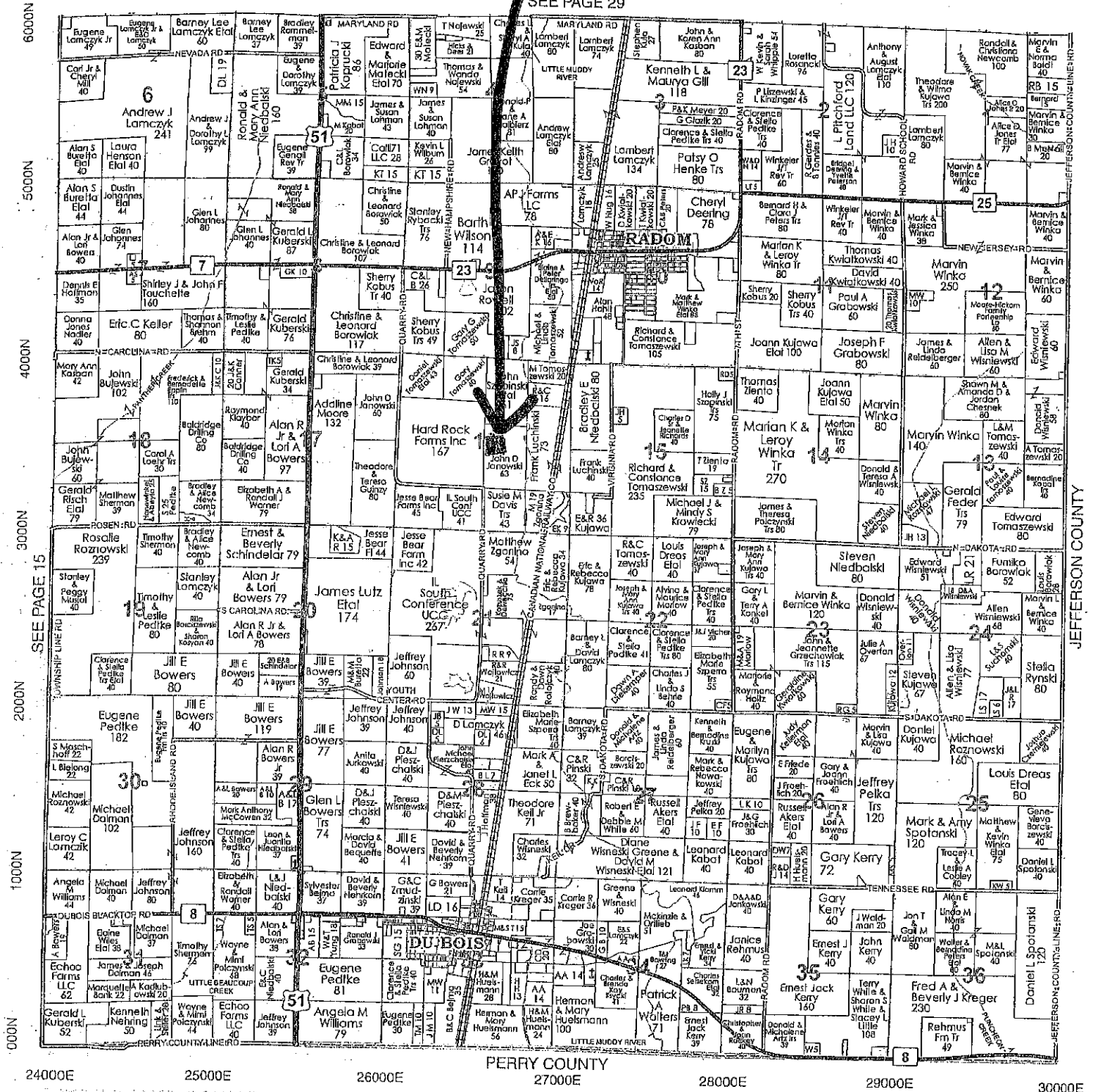
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WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 126

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ZONING CODE
REGARDING ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the County previously adopted as part of its zoning code an ordinance regulating the siting and development of battery energy storage systems within the County; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation establishing Section 5-12024 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12024), which governs local regulation of energy storage systems (including battery energy storage systems) by Illinois counties, and on January 8, 2026, Governor Pritzker signed said legislation into law; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in complying with statutory law and ensuring the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, following public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the County Board adopt the proposed text amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, following review, consideration and discussion, that the County Board hereby approves and adopts the proposed text amendment recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals, as fully set forth herein as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby repeals any prior ordinances pertaining to these subjects and hereby instructs the Zoning Office of the County to publish the adopted ordinance in accordance with law and make said ordinance available to the general public for inspection.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois this 14 day of July 2026, by a vote of 13 ayes, 1 nays, and 1 absent.

David A. Meyer
CHAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:

Shari Hemper
CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

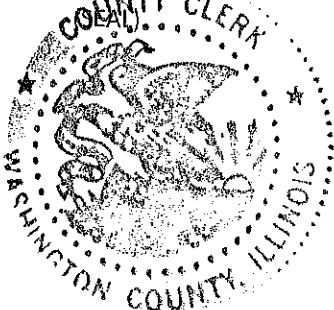


EXHIBIT A

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE

Adopted by the Washington County Board July 14, 2026

Ordinance No. 2026-134

Published in pamphlet form by the authority of Washington County, Illinois,

this _____ day of _____, 2026

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE**

I. DEFINITIONS.

- A. "Applicant" means the entity who submits to the county a special use permit application for an energy storage system. All references to "applicant" in this ordinance shall include and apply to the applicant and applicant's successors-in-interest and assigns; the facility owner and facility owner's successors-in-interest and assigns; and the operator and operator's successors-in-interest and assigns.
- B. "Energy storage system" means a facility with an aggregate energy capacity that is greater than 1,000 kilowatts and that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for use at a later time, including, but not limited to, electrochemical and electromechanical technologies. "Energy storage system" does not include technologies that require combustion. "Energy storage system" also does not include energy storage systems associated with commercial solar energy facilities or commercial wind energy facilities as defined in Section 5-12020 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12020).
- C. "Excused service interruption" means any period during which an energy storage system does store or discharge electricity and that is planned or reasonably foreseeable for standard commercial operation, including any unavailability caused by a buyer; storage capacity tests; system emergencies; curtailments; including curtailment orders; transmission system outages; compliance with any operating restriction; serial defects; and planned outages.
- D. "Facility owner" means (i) a person with a direct ownership interest in an energy storage system, regardless of whether the person is involved in acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or otherwise planning for construction and operation of the facility and (ii) a person who, at the time the facility is being developed, is acting as a developer of the facility by acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or by planning for the construction operation of the facility, regardless of whether the person will own or operate the facility.
- E. "Force majeure" means any event or circumstance that delays or prevents an energy storage system from timely performing all or a portion of its commercial operations, if the act or event, despite the exercise of commercially reasonable efforts, cannot be avoided by and is beyond the reasonable control, whether direct or indirect, of, and without the fault or negligence of, a facility owner or operator or any of its assignees. "Force majeure" includes, but is not limited to:
 - (1) fire, flood, tornado, or other natural disasters or acts of God;
 - (2) war, civil strife, terrorist attack, or other similar acts of violence;
 - (3) unavailability of materials, equipment, services, or labor, including unavailability due to global supply chain shortages;
 - (4) utility or energy shortages or acts or omissions of public utility providers;
 - (5) any delay resulting from a pandemic, epidemic, or other public health emergency or related restrictions; and
 - (6) litigation or a regulatory proceeding regarding a facility.

- F. "NFPA" means the National Fire Protection Association.
- G. "Nonparticipating property" means real property that is not a participating property.
- H. "Nonparticipating residence" means a residence that is located on nonparticipating property and that exists and is occupied on the date that the application for a permit to develop an energy storage system is filed with the county.
- I. "Occupied community building" means a school, place of worship, day care facility, public library, or community center that is occupied on the date that the application for a permit to develop an energy storage system is filed with the county in which the building is located.
- J. "Participating property" means real property that is the subject of a written agreement between a facility owner and the owner of the real property and that provides the facility owner an easement, option, lease, or license to use the real property for the purpose of constructing an energy storage system or supporting facilities.
- K. "Protected lands" means real property that is (i) subject to a permanent conservation right consistent with the Real Property Conservation Rights Act; or (ii) registered or designated as a nature preserve, buffer, or land and water reserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act.
- L. "Supporting facilities" means the transmission lines, substations, switchyard, access roads, meteorological towers, storage containers, and equipment associated with the generation, storage and dispatch of electricity by an energy storage system.

II. APPLICABILITY.

The requirements of this ordinance shall apply to any energy storage system permitted, installed, or modified in the county after the effective date of this ordinance. Any energy storage system connected or integrated into a commercial solar energy facility or commercial wind energy facility shall be governed by the requirements of the applicable solar or wind ordinances. This ordinance shall apply to all areas in the county that are not within the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality.

III. PROHIBITION.

- A. No energy storage system governed by this ordinance shall be constructed, erected, installed, located, or operated within the county, unless:
 - 1. A special use permit has been granted by the county board and a building permit has been issued for the energy storage system.
 - 2. All road use agreements and decommissioning agreements have been entered into with each applicable governmental agency.
- B. No energy storage system shall be constructed or operated except upon granting of a special use permit and building permit and only upon property zoned to allow agricultural or industrial uses.

- C. A facility owner may undertake periodic augmentation to maintain the approximate original capacity of the energy storage system. Periodic augmentation shall not include adding additional properties or parcels to the energy storage system, or expanding the footprint of the energy storage system approved pursuant to the special use permit process.

IV. SOLICITATION.

Prior to contacting any property owner or property owner's representative, any person intending to solicit a property owner in person for the lease, purchase, or use of property in relation to any portion of an energy storage system must submit to the county sheriff's office an application for a solicitor permit with an application processing fee in the amount of \$100 and must submit to a criminal background check. A solicitor permit shall only be issued upon approval by the county zoning administrator and upon payment of a solicitor permit fee in the amount of \$1,000. A solicitor permit shall be valid for one calendar year from the date of issuance and shall not be transferable to any other person.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY MEETINGS.

Nothing in this ordinance is meant to augment or diminish existing opportunities for public participation. At least 90 days prior to the filing of a special use permit application with the county, the applicant shall hold at least one public community meeting/open house at a location within the township of the proposed project, or if no location is available within the township, a location within the county, for purposes of informing the public of the proposed project. Notice of the public community meeting/open house shall be mailed to all property owners and residents within 1.5 miles of the project footprint, and advertisement of the public community meeting/open house shall be published in local newspapers. Such notices and advertisements shall reference where additional information may be obtained regarding the proposed project.

VI. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

- A. Building Permit Required. Following the granting of a special use permit by the county board, and compliance with any conditions, the applicant is eligible to apply for a building permit for the project.
- B. Expiration of Special Use Permit. A building permit must be issued, or actual on-site construction must have commenced prior to the expiration of three years from the granting of the special use permit. If a building permit or actual on-site construction has not commenced within the applicable time period, then the special use permit shall be revoked without further action of the county. An extension of time to obtain the building permit or to commence actual on-site construction may be granted upon a showing of good cause.
- C. Compliance with NFPA Standard. In accordance with Section 5-12024 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12024), the energy storage system facility must comply with NFPA 855: "Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems" or any successor standard issued by the NFPA in effect on the date of the special use permit approval.

- D. Setbacks. The energy storage system facility must comply with the following setbacks, with setback distances measured from the nearest edge of the nearest battery or other electrochemical or electromechanical enclosure:
1. 150 feet from the nearest point of the outside wall of any occupied community building or nonparticipating residence.
 2. 50 feet to the nearest point on the property line of the occupied community building or nonparticipating property.
 3. 50 feet from the nearest edge of any right-of-way.
 4. Setback requirements may be waived upon the written consent of the property owner of each affected nonparticipating property or nonparticipating residence. Any waiver of the above setback requirements shall run with the land and shall be recorded with the county recorder prior to the issuance of a building permit.
- E. Fencing. The energy storage system facility's perimeter must be surrounded by fencing of at least seven feet and no more than 25 feet.
- F. Sound Limitation. The energy storage system facility must comply with the sound limitations established by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) under 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 900, 901, and 910. Within one year of the commercial operation date, the facility owner shall provide the octave band sound pressure level measurements from locations chosen by the county at the perimeter of the energy storage system facility to demonstrate compliance with IPCB requirements.
- G. Farmland Drainage Plan. The facility owner shall file a farmland drainage plan with the county and impacted drainage districts that outlines how the surface and subsurface drainage of farmland will be restored during and following the construction or deconstruction of the energy storage system. The plan shall be created independently by the facility owner and shall include the location of any potentially impacted drainage district facilities to the extent the information is publicly available from the county or the drainage district and the plans to repair any subsurface drainage affected during the construction or deconstruction using procedures outlined in the decommissioning plan. All surface and subsurface damage shall be repaired as soon as reasonably practicable.
- H. Crop Loss or Other Agricultural Damages. The facility owner shall compensate landowners for crop losses or other agricultural damages resulting from damage to a drainage system caused by the construction of an energy storage system. The facility owner shall repair or pay for the repair of all damage to the subsurface drainage system caused by the construction of the energy storage system. The facility owner shall repair or pay for the repair and restoration of surface drainage caused by the construction or deconstruction of the energy storage system facility as soon as reasonably practicable.

- I. Decommissioning Plan. The facility owner shall provide a decommissioning plan, including all requirements for decommissioning plans in NFPA 855 and the facility owner shall:
 1. State how the energy storage system will be decommissioned, including removal to a depth of three feet of all structures that have no ongoing purpose and all debris and restoration of the soil and any vegetation to a condition as close as reasonably practicable to the soils and vegetation's preconstruction condition within 18 months of the end of project life or facility abandonment;
 2. Include provisions related to commercially reasonable efforts to reuse or recycle equipment and components associated with the commercial offsite energy storage system;
 3. Include financial assurance in the form of a reclamation bond or other commercially available financial assurance that is acceptable to the county, with the county or participating property owner as beneficiary;
 4. Update the amount of the financial assurance at least every five years for the duration of commercial operations. The amount shall be calculated by a professional engineer licensed to practice engineering in the State of Illinois with expertise in decommissioning, hired by the facility owner;
 5. Decommission the energy storage system, in accordance with the approved decommissioning plan, within 18 months after abandonment. An energy storage system that has not stored electrical energy for 12 consecutive months or that fails, for a period of six consecutive months, to pay a property owner who is party to a written agreement, including, but not limited to, an easement, option, lease, or license under the terms of which an energy storage system is constructed on the property, amounts owed in accordance with the written agreement shall be considered abandoned, except when the inability to store energy is the result of an event of force majeure or excused service interruption; and
 6. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, a decommissioning agreement must be entered into between the county and the facility owner.
- J. IDNR Consultation/EcoCAT. The facility owner shall provide the results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) that are obtained through the Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) or a comparable successor tool.
- K. Compliance with IDNR Recommendations. The facility shall adhere to all recommendations provided by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in any Agency Action Report under 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075.
- L. Avoidance of Protected Lands. The facility owner shall demonstrate avoidance of protected lands as identified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) and consideration of the recommendations of the IDNR for setbacks from protected lands, including areas identified by the INPC.

- M. SHPO Consultation/Historic Sites. The facility owner shall provide evidence of consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Division (SHPO) to assess potential impacts on State-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act.
- N. Commercial Operation Date. Prior to the commercial operation date, the facility owner shall:
1. Submit to the county a commissioning report meeting the requirements of NFPA 855 Sections 4.2.4, 6.1.3, and 6.1.5.5, as published in 2023, or the most recent version of NFPA 855;
 2. Submit the county a hazard mitigation analysis meeting the requirements of NFPA 855 Section 4.4 or the applicable Sections in the most recent version of NFPA 855;
 3. The facility owner shall submit to the county an emergency operations plan meeting the requirements of NFPA 855 Section 4.3.2.1.4, published in 2023, or application Sections in the most recent version of NFPA 855; and
 4. The facility owner shall offer to provide training for local fire departments and emergency responders in accordance with the facility emergency operations plan. A copy of the emergency operations plan shall be given to the facility owner, the local fire department, and the emergency responders. All batteries integrated within an energy storage system shall be listed under the UL 1973 Standard. All batteries integrated within energy storage systems shall be listed in accordance with UL 9540 Standard either from the manufacturer or by a field evaluation.
- O. Warnings. The facility owner shall comply with the requirements of NFPA 855 Section 4.7.4, published in 2023, or applicable sections in the most recent version of NFPA 855.
- P. Lighting. The energy storage system shall adhere to the principles of responsible outdoor lighting provided by the International Dark-Sky Association and shall limit outdoor lighting to that which is minimally required for safety and operational purposes. Any outdoor lighting shall be reasonably shielded and downcast from all residences and adjacent properties.
- Q. NFPA Fire and Safety Standards. If lithium-ion battery systems will be utilized, the energy storage system shall comply with the fire and safety standards and guidance established for the installation for lithium-ion battery energy storage systems set by the NFPA.
- R. Road Use Agreements. Prior to the issuance of the building permit, the facility owner shall enter into road use agreements with any impacted road authority requiring the facility owner to be responsible for (1) the reasonable cost of improving, if necessary, roads used by the facility owner to construct the energy storage system and (2) the reasonable cost of repairing roads used by the facility owner during construction of the energy storage system so that those roads are in a condition that is safe for the driving public after the completion of the facility's construction. A roadway improved in preparation for and during the construction of the energy storage system shall be repaired and restored to the improved condition at the reasonable cost of the developer if the roadways have degraded or were damaged as a result of the construction-related activities.

- S. Annual Report. The facility owner of any energy storage system must submit, on an annual basis on or before February 1st of each calendar year following its commercial operation date, a report to the county zoning administrator containing the following information: (i) a general description of any physical repairs, replacements, or modifications to the energy storage system and/or its infrastructure; (ii) complaints pertaining to setbacks, noise, appearance, safety, lighting, and use of any public roads received by the facility owner or operator concerning the energy storage system and the resolution of such complaints; (iii) calls for emergency services; (iv) certificates of insurance; (v) a general summary of service calls to the energy storage system facility; (vi) contact information (names, email address and phone number) for the person(s) with general oversight of the facility including emergency response; and (vii) overall energy stored and provided per month. In addition to the annual report, the owner or operator of any energy storage system must also furnish such report upon direct request by the county. Failure to provide the annual report or report directly requested by the county (within 30 days) shall be considered a material violation of this ordinance subject to the remedies provision of this ordinance. Whenever the person(s) with oversight or emergency responsibilities changes or said person(s) contact information changes, the facility owner shall provide updated information to the county within seven calendar days.

VII. SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION.

- A. Complete Application. An applicant must submit a complete special use permit application to the county zoning office for review, public hearing, and recommendation by the county's zoning board of appeals pursuant to Section 5-12009.5 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12009.5). Approval or denial of all special use permit applications shall be made by the county board.
- B. Material Changes. Material changes to the application are not permitted once the notice of public hearing has been published, unless requested or otherwise permitted by the county.
- C. Copies. 10 paper copies and one electronic copy of the application must be submitted to the county's zoning office.
- D. Special Use Permit Fee. The facility owner shall submit application fees for an energy storage system which shall be the lesser of (i) \$5,000 per each megawatt of nameplate capacity of the energy storage system or (ii) \$50,000. The calculation of fees shall be based on the direct current nameplate capacity. The facility owner shall be responsible for any costs or fees that exceed the submitted application fee.
- E. Application Materials. The application shall contain or be accompanied by the following information (all technical submissions shall be compliant with the Illinois Professional Engineering Act of 1989):
1. A description of the property lines and physical features, including roads, for the facility site;
 2. A description of the proposed changes to the landscape of the facility site, including vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, and screening or structures;

3. A description of the zoning district designation for the parcel of land comprising the facility site; and
4. All documents, reports, modeling and studies demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this ordinance, state and federal law and regulation, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Detailed engineering drawings demonstrating compliance with all setback requirements;
 - b. All applicable NFPA standards governing the facility and referenced in this ordinance and 55 ILCS 5/5-12024;
 - c. A farmland drainage plan and proof the farmland drainage plan has been provided to any impacted drainage district;
 - d. Sound modeling showing compliance with sound requirements;
 - e. A decommissioning plan with detailed cost estimations, and proposed financial assurance form;
 - f. IDNR EcoCAT;
 - g. Results of the IDNR consultation pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1075 and any Agency Action Report;
 - h. Demonstration of avoidance of protected lands and nature preserves or considerations of setbacks related thereto;
 - i. Evidence of consultation with SHPO;
 - j. A lighting plan compliant with International Dark-Sky Association standards.

F. Decision on Special Use Permit Application.

1. The special use permit application shall be approved if the request complies with the standards and conditions imposed by Section 5-12024 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12024), this ordinance, all other state and federal laws/regulations.
2. The county board may impose conditions upon the construction, operation or decommissioning of the facility.

VIII. BUILDING PERMIT, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION COMPLIANCE.

- A. Building Permit Fee. Prior to the issuance of a building permit for the facility and/or supporting facilities, the facility owner must submit a fee equating to the lesser of (i) \$5,000 per each megawatt of nameplate capacity of the energy storage system or (ii) \$50,000. The calculation of fees shall be based on the direct current nameplate capacity. The facility owner shall be responsible for any costs or fees that exceed the submitted application fee.
1. The applicant or facility owner shall pay all costs incurred by the county, those costs associated with all offices, boards and commissions of the county, and third-party costs incurred by the county, including but not limited to, direct or indirect costs associated with the hearing, permitting, operations, inspections, decommissioning, litigation, disputes, and/or negotiations.

2. Any costs that remain unpaid after 30 days following a request for payment from the county shall be subject to any and all available remedies including fines or revocation of any previously issued permit.

B. Building Permit Requirements. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner must submit the following documents (all technical submissions must comply with the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989):

1. An electrical diagram detailing the energy storage system layout, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electric Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;
2. An equipment specification sheet;
3. Engineer drawings demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this ordinance; and
4. All other documents necessary for demonstrating compliance with this ordinance, conditions imposed, and all other state and federal laws/regulations.

C. Construction and Post-Construction Inspections.

The county may retain a qualified, independent code inspector or professional engineer both to make inspections of the project during and after construction and to consult with the county to confirm that the construction, substantial repair, replacement, repowering and/or decommissioning of the project is performed in compliance with this ordinance, conditions, electrical and building codes, and state and federal laws/regulations. The cost and fees so incurred by the county in retaining said inspector or engineer shall be promptly reimbursed by the facility owner.

D. Transferability.

The facility shall provide written notification to the county at least 30 days prior to a change in ownership of the project. A change in ownership shall include any assignment, sale, lease, transfer or other conveyance of ownership or operating control of the project or any portion thereof. The facility owner, successors-in-interest, and or assignees of the special use permit shall remain liable for compliance with all conditions, restrictions and obligations contained in the special use permit and any conditions, building permit, the provisions of this ordinance and applicable county, state and federal permits, laws and regulations.

IX. LIABILITY INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. The facility owner of the energy storage system shall maintain a current general liability policy covering bodily injury, pollution liability, and property damage with limits of at least \$10,000,000 per occurrence and \$20,000,000 in the aggregate, with an annual certificate of

insurance being provided to the county zoning office, with the county being added as an additional insured, with the designation of primary and non-contributory.

- B. The facility owner shall promptly increase such liability insurance if such amount is increased in the energy storage system ordinance and the facility owner is notified in writing of same by the county. The facility owner shall provide evidence of such increased insurance to the county zoning office.
- C. Insurance coverage shall be maintained without interruption from the date of issuance of the building permit through the lifetime of the energy storage system. Certificates of insurance acceptable to the county and in compliance with this ordinance shall be filed with the county prior to the commencement of any work on the energy storage system and thereafter upon renewal or replacement of each required policy of insurance. These certificates and the insurance policies required under this ordinance shall contain a provision that coverages afforded under the policies shall not be cancelled or allowed to expire until at least 60-day written notice has been given to the county.
- D. The facility owner and operator of the energy storage system shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the county and its officers, appointed and elected officials, employees, attorneys, engineers and agents (collectively and individually, the "indemnified parties") from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, and liabilities whatsoever, including attorney's fees relating to or arising out of the issuance of the special use permit, other permits, or the construction, operation, maintenance and removal of the energy storage system and affiliated equipment, including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death or illness), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence) or any acts or omissions of the facility owner and/or operator under this ordinance or the special use permit/other permits, except to the extent any such claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities arise from the negligence or intentional acts of such indemnified parties. This general indemnification shall not be construed as limiting or qualifying the county's other indemnification rights or immunities available under the law.

X. HEARING FACILITATOR.

- A. The county may engage the services of a hearing facilitator. The hearing facilitator shall be an independent contractor who shall conduct a hearing in accordance with all applicable rules of the county's zoning board of appeals but has no adjudicatory responsibility other than ruling on requests for continuances, procedural matters, admissibility of evidence, and the propriety of any arguments.
- B. The hearing facilitator shall be an attorney, licensed to practice in the State of Illinois. The applicant shall reimburse the county for fees and costs charged by the hearing facilitator.

XI. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES.

- A. Any energy storage system declared to be unsafe by the county by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, damage, or abandonment is hereby

- declared a public safety issue and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ordinance and decommissioning agreement or plan.
- B. Failure by the applicant, owner, or operator to comply with any provisions of this ordinance, provisions under the special use permit, other permits, any conditions imposed on the project, and/or failure to comply with any law or regulation shall constitute a default under this ordinance and shall be grounds for revocation of any special use permit or other permits granted by the county board or the county.
 - C. Prior to implementation of the existing county procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the appropriate county body shall first provide written notice to the owner and operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the owner and operator a reasonable time period, not to exceed 30 days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).
 - D. If the county determines that the parties cannot resolve the alleged defaults within the good faith negotiation period, the county shall make application to the circuit court for an injunction requiring conformance with this ordinance or make such other order as the court deems necessary to secure compliance with the ordinance.
 - E. Any violation of this ordinance shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$1,000. Each violation shall be a separate offense. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense, subject to a \$1,000 fine for each additional day the violation is not corrected. A court may set any additional and appropriate per day fine for each day the infraction exists or until such infraction is remedied. It is the goal of this ordinance to promote structural safety to protect the public. The court has the authority to set any additional appropriate fines and consider the nature of the offense, the degree of public safety involved, and the efforts of the county and responsible owner or applicant to resolve quickly and safely any and all infractions. It is the intent that any dispute between the parties be resolved promptly and where possible by informal discussions as outlined elsewhere in this ordinance.
 - F. After the effective date of this ordinance, any persons who, being the owner or agent of the owner of any land, or project developer, located within the territorial jurisdiction of this ordinance, thereafter, proceeds with development of an energy storage system prior to being approved under the terms of this ordinance shall be fined as stated herein.
 - G. The county reserves the right to hire outside counsel to enforce this ordinance or determine compliance with this ordinance. The facility owner/operator is liable for payment of reasonable attorney's fees in this regard.
 - H. Nothing herein shall prevent the county from taking such other lawful action to prevent or remedy violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the applicant, owner, or operator responsible for the project.

XII. INTERPRETATION.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be held to the minimum requirements adopted for the promotion and preservations of public health, safety, and general welfare of the county. These regulations are not intended to repeal, abrogate, annual, or in any manner interfere with existing regulations or laws of the county nor conflict with and laws of the State of Illinois.

XIII. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, clause, or provision of the ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

XIV. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and approval as required by law, and all prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM ORDINANCE

I move for the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Eric Brannan

Member, Washington County Board

I second the motion for the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

David R Karg

Member, Washington County Board

PASSED this 14 day of July, 2026

David G. Meyer

CHAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:

Shari Semper

CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(SEAL)



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 127

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ZONING CODE
REGARDING COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the County previously adopted as part of its zoning code an ordinance regulating the siting and development of commercial wind energy facilities within the County; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation amending Section 5-12020 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12020), which governs local regulation of commercial wind energy facilities by Illinois counties, and on January 8, 2026, Governor Pritzker signed said legislation into law; and

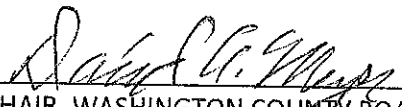
WHEREAS, the County has an interest in complying with statutory law and ensuring the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, following public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the County Board adopt the proposed text amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, following review, consideration and discussion, that the County Board hereby approves and adopts the proposed text amendment recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals, as fully set forth herein as Exhibit A.

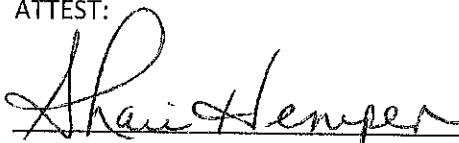
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby repeals any prior ordinances pertaining to these subjects and hereby instructs the Zoning Office of the County to publish the adopted ordinance in accordance with law and make said ordinance available to the general public for inspection.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois this 14 day of July 2026, by a vote of 13 ayes, 1 nays, and 1 absent.



CHAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:



CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS



EXHIBIT A

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE

Adopted by the Washington County Board July 14, 2026

Ordinance No. 2026-135

Published in pamphlet form by the authority of Washington County, Illinois,

this _____ day of _____, 2026

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE**

I. DEFINITIONS.

- A. "Applicant" means the entity who submits to the county a special use permit application for a commercial wind energy facility. All references to "applicant" in this ordinance shall include and apply to the applicant and applicant's successors-in-interest and assigns; the facility owner and facility owner's successors-in-interest and assigns; and the operator and operator's successors-in-interest and assigns.
- B. "Commercial operation date" means the calendar date on which the commercial wind energy facility produces power for commercial sale, not including test power.
- C. "Commercial wind energy facility" means a wind energy conversion facility of equal or greater than 500 kilowatts in total nameplate generating capacity. "Commercial wind energy facility" includes a wind energy conversion facility seeking an extension of a permit to construct granted by a county or municipality before January 27, 2023 (the effective date of Public Act 102-1123).
- D. "Facility owner" means (i) a person with a direct ownership interest in a commercial wind energy facility, regardless of whether the person is involved in acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or otherwise planning for the construction and operation of the facility and (ii) a person who, at the time the facility is being developed, is acting as a developer of the facility by acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or by planning for the construction and operation of the facility, regardless of whether the person will own or operate the facility.
- E. "Financial assurance" means assurance from a credit worthy party, examples of which include a surety bond (e.g., performance and payment bond), trust instrument, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit.
- F. "Nonparticipating property" means real property that is not a participating property.
- G. "Nonparticipating residence" means a residence that is located on nonparticipating property and that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the commercial wind energy facility is filed with the county.
- H. "Occupied community building" means any one or more of the following buildings that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the commercial wind energy facility is filed with the county: a school, place of worship, day care facility, public library, or community center.
- I. "Operator" means the person or entity responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the commercial wind energy facility, including any third-party subcontractors, successors-in-interest and assigns.

- J. "Participating property" means real property that is the subject of a written agreement between a facility owner and the property owner of the real property that provides the facility owner an easement, option, lease, or license to use the real property for the purpose of constructing a commercial wind energy facility or supporting facilities. "Participating property" also includes real property that is owned by a facility owner for the purpose of constructing a commercial wind energy facility or supporting facilities.
- K. "Participating residence" means a residence that is located on participating property and that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the commercial wind energy facility is filed with the county.
- L. "Professional engineer" means a qualified individual who is licensed as a professional engineer in the State of Illinois.
- M. "Project" means the commercial wind energy facility and supporting facilities.
- N. "Protected lands" means real property that is: (1) subject to a permanent conservation right consistent with the Illinois Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.); or (2) registered or designated as a nature preserve, buffer, or land and water reserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq.).
- O. "Supporting facilities" means the transmission lines, substations, access roads, meteorological towers, storage containers, and equipment associated with the generation and storage of electricity by the commercial wind energy facility. "Supporting facilities" includes energy storage systems capable of absorbing energy and storing it for use at a later time, including, but not limited to, batteries and other electrochemical and electromechanical technologies or systems.
- P. "Wind tower" includes the wind turbine tower, nacelle, and blades.
- Q. "Wind tower height" means the height of the wind tower as measured from the surface of the earth to maximum blade tip height.

II. APPLICABILITY.

This ordinance governs commercial wind energy facilities and supporting facilities within the county that generate electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets. This ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated areas of the county that are outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality.

III. PROHIBITION.

No commercial wind energy facility or supporting facilities governed by this ordinance shall be constructed, erected, installed, or located within the county without a special use permit and building permit granted by the county. Commercial wind energy facilities and supporting facilities are only allowed by special use permit and building permit upon agricultural or industrial zoned properties. Unless otherwise allowed by the county, all projects shall conform to the

representations made within the special use permit application, representations during the public hearing process, and representations contained within the building permit application.

IV. SOLICITATION.

Prior to contacting any property owner or property owner's representative, any person intending to solicit a property owner in person for the lease, purchase, or use of property in relation to any portion of a commercial wind energy facility, including supporting facilities, must submit to the county sheriff's office an application for a solicitor permit with an application processing fee in the amount of \$100 and must submit to a criminal background check. A solicitor permit shall only be issued upon approval by the county zoning administrator and upon payment of a solicitor permit fee in the amount of \$1,000. A solicitor permit shall be valid for one calendar year from the date of issuance and shall not be transferable to any other person.

V. COMMUNITY MEETING.

At least 90 days prior to the filing of a special use permit application with the county, the applicant shall hold at least one community meeting, open to the public, at a location within the township of the proposed project, or if no location is available within the township, a location within the county, for purposes of informing the public of the proposed project. Notice of the public community meeting shall be mailed to all property owners and residents within 1.5 miles of the project footprint, and advertisement of the public community meeting shall be published in local newspapers. Such notices and advertisements shall reference where additional information may be obtained regarding the proposed project.

VI. SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION.

- A. To obtain a special use permit for a commercial wind energy facility and its supporting facilities, the applicant must submit a special use permit application to the county for review of completeness and scheduling of a public hearing on the application.
- B. Material changes to the special use permit application are not permitted once notice of public hearing on the application has been published, unless otherwise requested or permitted by the county.
- C. The applicant shall submit at least 10 copies of the special use permit application to the county, and at least one copy in electronic format, unless otherwise requested or permitted by the county.
- D. The special use permit application submitted to the county shall contain the following:
 - 1. A project summary for the commercial wind energy facility and its supporting facilities, including:
 - a. A general description of the project, including:
 - i. Approximate overall nameplate generating capacity;
 - ii. Potential equipment manufacturers of turbines and any energy storage system equipment;

- iii. Number of wind towers and nameplate generating capacity of each;
 - iv. Maximum height of wind towers and maximum diameter of rotors;
 - v. Description of supporting facilities, including energy storage systems (if any);
 - vi. Energy storage system nameplate capacity, overall acreage, and types of energy systems to be utilized for the project (if any);
 - vii. Project site plan, phasing plan, construction timeline; and
 - viii. General location of the project;
- b. A description of the applicant, facility owner, and operator, including their respective business structures;
2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant, facility owner, operator, participating property owners, and documentation demonstrating land ownership or legal control of the property;
 3. A site plan for the project showing the planned location of each wind tower, including parcel number and legal descriptions for each site, guy lines and anchor bases, participating and nonparticipating residences, occupied community buildings, parcel boundary lines (including identification of adjoining properties), setback lines, public access roads and turnout locations, all supporting facilities including any energy storage systems, substations, operations and maintenance buildings, temporary and permanent meteorological towers, concrete batch plants, laydown yards, electrical cabling from the wind tower to the substations, ancillary equipment, third party transmission lines, the location of any wetlands, flood plain, drainage structures (including surface ditches and subsurface drainage lines), underground mines, scenic and natural areas within 1,500 feet of the project, the location of all known communications towers within two miles of the project, and the layout of all structures within the geographical boundaries of setbacks;
 4. A topographic map depicting the project site and surrounding area;
 5. A proposed decommissioning plan for the project, including cost estimations and a draft form of financial assurance;
 6. Any "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation" (DNH) received from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for all wind towers and other applicable structures, received on or before the filing of the special use permit application;
 7. Written approval from relevant road authorities of the roads to be utilized for construction and a draft form of financial assurance for the protection of said roads;
 8. Industry standard computer modeling of shadow flicker for all potential turbine manufacturers under the planned operating conditions, and all supporting data;
 9. Sound modeling for all potential equipment manufacturers (including wind turbines and energy storage systems) showing the sound emissions, the relevant Illinois

Pollution Control Board (IPCB) standards, the impact upon all affected properties, and all supporting data;

10. An "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA) executed between the facility owner and the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA);
11. Waivers from any setback requirements executed by occupied community building owners, nonparticipating property owners, and/or nonparticipating residence owners bearing a file stamp from the county recorder confirming that the waiver was recorded against the title to the affected real property;
12. Waivers from any shadow flicker requirements executed by occupied community building owners, nonparticipating property owners and/or nonparticipating residence owners bearing a file stamp from the county recorder confirming that the waiver was recorded against the title to the affected real property. The waiver must reflect the amount of overage to be reasonably expected by the operation of the project;
13. Waivers from any noise enforcement executed by participating property owners, participating residence owners, nonparticipating property owners and/or nonparticipating residence owners bearing a file stamp confirming that the waiver was recorded against the title to the affected real property. The waiver must reflect the amount of overage to be reasonably expected by the operation of the project;
14. Results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) obtained through its "Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool" (EcoCAT) or a comparable successor tool;
15. Results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding potential impacts on State-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420/1 et seq.);
16. Evidence demonstrating that the project will avoid protected lands as identified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC);
17. A farmland drainage plan (to include a drain tile survey) which shall be provided to the county and any impacted drainage district;
18. Adequate proof that the special use permit application was submitted to local emergency response agencies;
19. A copy of all communication and interference studies demonstrating the potential impacts of the project on television, radio, telephone (including mobile phone communications), transportation communication devices, emergency and law enforcement communications including E911 communications, and weather radar

utilized by the National Weather Service or others to communicate weather events to the public;

20. All information required under Section 5-12024 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12024) for any energy storage systems utilized for the project;
21. Sufficient documentation showing that at least one community meeting, open to the public, was held at least 90 days prior to the submission of the special use permit application, and that all property owners and residents within 1.5 miles of the project footprint received notice and local newspaper publication was made in accordance with this ordinance;
22. All other required studies, reports, certifications, and approvals necessary for demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this ordinance;
23. Any other information requested by the county or its consultants necessary to evaluate the special use permit application and to demonstrate that the project meets the provisions of this ordinance; and
24. Any other information normally required by, or reasonably requested by, the county as part of its permitting requirements for buildings or other structures.

VII. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

A. Design Safety Certification.

The project shall conform to applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) (most recent edition), National Electric Code (NEC) (most recent edition) and requirements of the public utility. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, applicant shall submit certificates of design compliance from equipment manufacturers obtained from Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Det Norske Veritas (DNV), Germanischer Lloyd (GL), or an equivalent third party. The project shall consist of new equipment and no used or experimental equipment shall be used in the project without approval by the county.

B. Controls and Brakes.

All wind towers shall be equipped with a redundant braking system. This includes both aerodynamic overspeed controls (including variable pitch, tip, tilt, and other similar systems) and mechanical brakes. Mechanical brakes shall be operated in a fail-safe mode. Stall regulation shall not be considered a sufficient braking system for overspeed protection.

C. Aesthetics and Lighting.

1. *Coatings and Coloring:* All wind towers shall be painted white or a nonreflective, unobtrusive color. No advertisements shall be permitted on wind towers.

2. *Consistency:* All wind towers shall be of similar design, size, and height and shall utilize self-supporting, tubular towers; rotate in the same direction; and be consistent in color and direction of nearby facilities.
3. *Oil and Dirt:* All wind towers shall be cleaned and maintained without any visible oil, grease, chemical and other residue, and without any visible build-up of dust and dirt, at all times for the life of the project.
4. *Debris and Garbage:* All areas of the project shall be kept free of debris and garbage at all times for the life of the project.
5. *Lighting:* All wind towers and meteorological towers shall utilize minimal lighting compliant with applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. Applicant shall apply to the relevant federal governmental entities for the installation and use of an "Aircraft Detection Lighting System" (ADLS). If approved, the ADLS shall be installed and maintained in operating condition at all times for the life of the project. Substation lighting, energy storage system lighting, and any other outdoor lighting utilized at any time for the project shall adhere to the principles for responsible outdoor lighting provided by the International Dark-Sky Association and shall limit lighting to that which is minimally required for safety and operational purposes. Any outdoor lighting shall be reasonably shielded and downcast from all residences and adjacent properties
6. *Intra-Project Power and Communication Lines:* All power lines used to collect power from wind towers and all communication lines shall be buried underground at a depth in accordance with the "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA) until same reach the property line or a substation adjacent to the property line.

D. Warnings.

1. A visible warning sign concerning voltage must be placed at all entrances to wind towers, at the base of all pad-mounted transformers, substations, and other locations where high voltage is present and is reasonably accessible by others.
2. Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, plastic sleeves, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor points of guy wires and along the guy wires up to a height of 15 feet from the ground.
3. Upon completion of construction, a visible warning sign, indicating not approach the wind tower while operating, shall be placed at the entrance of each access road for each wind tower and any supporting facilities.
4. Upon completion of construction, a visible sign, providing emergency contact information, shall be posted on or near all operations and maintenance buildings.
5. All signs referenced above shall utilize letters and numbers at least three inches in height and shall display the 911 address of the respective site; an emergency phone

number for the facility owner which shall be answered 24 hours a day by a live operator; and a non-emergency phone number for the facility owner. Such phone numbers shall remain active with all calls being voice recorded for verification purposes and with comments and complaints logged and reported to the county zoning administrator on a monthly basis. All recorded calls must be retained by the facility owner for a minimum of 12 months.

E. Climb Prevention.

Wind towers must be unclimbable by design or protected by anti-climbing devices such as fences with locking portals at least six feet high or anti-climbing devices 12 feet vertically from the base of the wind tower.

F. Setback Requirements.

1. Wind towers shall be sited as follows, with setback distances measured from the center of the base of the wind tower:

- a. *Occupied Community Buildings*: 2.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the nearest point on the outside wall of the structure.
- b. *Participating Residences*: 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the nearest point on the outside wall of the structure.
- c. *Nonparticipating Residences*: 2.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the nearest point on the outside wall of the structure.
- d. *Boundary Lines of Participating Property*: None.
- e. *Boundary Lines of Nonparticipating Property*: 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the nearest point on the property line of the nonparticipating property.
- f. *Public Road Rights-of-Way*: 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the center point of the public road right-of-way.
- g. *Overhead Communication and Electric Transmission and Distribution Facilities (Not Including Overhead Utility Service Lines to Individual Houses or Outbuildings)*: 1.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the nearest edge of the property line, easement, or right-of-way containing the overhead line.
- h. *Overhead Utility Service Lines to Individual Houses or Outbuildings*: None.
- i. *Fish and Wildlife Areas and Illinois Nature Preserves Commission Protected Lands*: 2.1 times the maximum blade tip height of the wind tower to the nearest point on the property line of the fish and wildlife area or protected land.

2. Setback requirements for fencing in relation to public rights-of-way shall be those set forth for agricultural/industrial districts by the county's general zoning code.
3. Setback requirements may be waived by the written consent of the property owner of each affected nonparticipating property. Any waiver of the above setback requirements shall run with the land and shall be recorded with the county recorder prior to the issuance of any building permit for project.

G. Compliance with Additional Regulations.

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to preempt any other applicable state and federal laws regulations, including, but not limited to, those set by the National Electrical Safety Code, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

H. Use of Public Roads.

1. An applicant proposing to use any county, municipality, township or village roads, for the purpose of transporting commercial wind energy facility or supporting facility equipment for construction, operation, or maintenance shall:
 - a. Identify all such public roads;
 - b. Conduct a preconstruction baseline survey to determine existing road conditions for assessing potential future damage;
2. Enter into a road use agreement with the county and each affected road district that includes the following provisions, at a minimum:
 - a. Project layout map;
 - b. Transportation impact analysis;
 - c. Notification procedures for road closures and/or lane restrictions;
 - d. Preconstruction plans;
 - e. Project traffic map;
 - f. Project scope of repairs;
 - g. Post-construction repairs;
 - h. Insurance; and
 - i. Financial assurance in forms and amounts acceptable to the county.
3. The road use agreement shall require applicant to be responsible for the reasonable cost of improving roads used to construct the project and the cost of repairing roads used by the facility owner during construction of the project. Roadways improved in preparation for and during the construction of the project shall be repaired and restored to the improved condition at the cost of the developer if the roadways have degraded or were damaged as a result of construction-related activities.
4. All repairs and improvements to county public roads and roadway appurtenances shall be subject to the prior approval of the county before being made and shall also be subject to inspection and acceptance by the county after such repairs and

improvements are completed. The county's road use agreement, and any further agreements contemplated therein, regarding the maintenance and repair of county public roads and highways, must be approved by the county board prior to the approval of any building permit applications related to the construction of the project. Copies of any other road use agreements for the project must also be provided to the county zoning administrator prior to the approval of any building permit applications.

I. Site Assessment.

To ensure that the subsurface conditions of the site will provide proper support for the wind towers and soil restoration, the applicant, at its expense, shall provide soil and geotechnical boring reports to the county with respect to each wind tower location and applicable supporting facilities as part of its building permit application. The applicant shall follow the guidelines for conservation practices impact mitigation submitted by the county's soil and water conservation district (or equivalent regulatory agency). The applicant shall submit grading plans for the project for review and comment by the county's soil and water conservation district (or equivalent regulatory agency) and shall submit said plans to the county prior to the issuance of any building permit.

J. Communications Analysis; Interference.

1. The applicant shall, at its own expense, retain a third-party qualified professional to conduct a television reception analysis within a 1.5-mile radius of the project footprint. The analysis shall document all television stations received in the area and shall serve as the baseline conditions prior to construction. This study shall be submitted as part of the special use permit application for the project.
2. The applicant shall, at its own expense, retain a qualified third-party professional to conduct a communications study demonstrating that E911, other emergency communications, and official county or municipal communications will not be negatively impacted by the project. This study shall be submitted as part of the special use permit application for the project.
3. The facility owner/operator shall, at its own expense, immediately mitigate and eliminate any interference the project causes with electromagnetic communications, including radio, telephone, microwave, or television signals, especially those affecting government public safety communications (police, fire, emergency management services, and 911 dispatch).
 - a. The applicant shall provide microwave transmission providers and local emergency service providers with a copy of the project summary and site plan. If these providers demonstrate a likelihood of interference, the facility owner/operator shall take all necessary measures to minimize and mitigate the anticipated interference. For any interference affecting public safety communications, the facility owner/operator shall immediately implement all necessary and commercially available measures to eliminate the interference.

- b. If the facility owner/operator receives a written interference complaint after construction, it shall respond immediately. For public safety communications complaints, the facility owner/operator must immediately take all necessary and commercially available steps to eliminate the interference.
4. If, after construction of the project, the facility owner/operator receives a written complaint related to interference with local residential television or radio reception, the facility owner/operator shall take commercially reasonable steps to investigate and respond. A summary of the complaint and subsequent response from the facility owner/operator shall be forwarded to the county for review. The facility owner/operator shall have 30 calendar days to verify the complaint, and 15 calendar days to respond. Said response shall be addressed and forwarded to both the county and the complainant. Such response shall include, but not be limited to, an acknowledgment that a complaint was made and evaluated by the facility owner/operator; and if considered valid by the facility owner/operator, an explanation, including a timeline, as to how the facility owner/operator will resolve the complaint. In no event shall valid television reception issues persist beyond 60 calendar days from the date the complaint is validated. If considered invalid by the facility owner/operator, an explanation, including supporting documentation and expert opinions as to why the applicant believes the complaint is not valid shall be provided to the county and the complainant.

K. Noise Levels.

1. Noise levels from the project shall comply with applicable Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) regulations. The applicant shall submit manufacturer sound power level characteristics and other relevant data for all project equipment necessary for a competent noise analysis as part of its special use permit application. The applicant, through the use of a qualified professional, shall also appropriately demonstrate compliance with the applicable noise requirements in its special use permit application and through testimony by a qualified professional at public hearing. Any waivers as to noise shall be provided in the special use permit application, and any waivers as to noise obtained after public hearing shall be provided to the county prior to the issuance of a building permit. Any such waivers shall reflect the amount of overage modeled for the operation of the project and shall be recorded with the county recorder.
2. The project shall maintain compliance with applicable IPCB regulations throughout the entire operational period of the project. Upon complaint, the county may hire a qualified professional to conduct testing for four 10-day periods at the 10 most at-risk residential property lines and the 10 most at-risk primary structures as modeled in the special use permit application, to ensure ongoing compliance with IPCB noise regulations. The four tests shall be done in each of the four seasons of the year. The cost to conduct such testing shall be borne by the facility owner. If the facility owner does not pay within 30 days of being provided an invoice for these costs, then the issue shall be resolved pursuant to the remedies provision of this ordinance. If at any time throughout the operational period of the project, noise levels are found not to comply with IPCB regulations, the facility owner shall immediately shut off all violating

wind towers to ensure that noise levels are within acceptable levels until a solution to the noise level violations is found and approved by the county after a hearing before the zoning board of appeals.

3. Noise levels at nonparticipating properties may be tested upon request of the county zoning administrator.

L. Agricultural Impact Mitigation.

Pursuant to the Illinois Renewable Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act (505 ILCS 147/15), the facility owner shall enter into an "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA) with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). All impacted agricultural land, whether impacted during construction, operation, or decommissioning activities, must, at a minimum, be remediated by the applicant pursuant to the terms of the AIMA. The applicant shall submit a copy of the fully executed AIMA to the county as part of its special use permit application.

M. Avian and Wildlife Impact Study.

The applicant, at its expense, shall have a third-party, qualified professional conduct an avian and wildlife impact study and submit said study to the county as part of the special use permit application. Wind towers and supporting facilities shall be located, designed, constructed, and operated so as to avoid and mitigate impacts to wildlife.

N. As-Built Map and Plans.

Within 60 calendar days of completion of construction of the project, the facility owner or operator shall deliver to the county "as-built" maps, a final site plan and engineering plans that have been signed and stamped by a professional engineer and surveyor licensed in the State of Illinois.

O. Engineer's Certificate.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, applicant must submit a certification from a structural engineer registered in the State of Illinois that the wind tower and foundation design is compatible with and appropriate for each location given the specific soil, subsurface and climate conditions. The structural engineer's certificate shall be submitted as part of the building permit application.

P. Conformance with Approved Application and Plans.

The facility owner/operator shall construct and operate the project in conformance with the special use permit and any conditions, building permit requirements, this ordinance and all applicable state, federal and local laws, regulations, and permits.

Q. Additional Terms and Conditions.

1. All technical submissions, as defined by the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/1 et seq.), contained in the special use permit application and the building permit application shall be prepared and signed by a professional engineer for the relevant discipline.
2. The county may retain a qualified, independent code inspector or professional engineer both to make inspections of the project during and after construction and to consult with the county to confirm that the construction, substantial repair, replacement, repowering and/or decommissioning of the project is performed in compliance with applicable ordinance, conditions, electrical and building codes, state and federal law and regulation. The cost and fees so incurred by the county in retaining said inspector or engineer shall be promptly reimbursed by the applicant.
3. The owner shall install a locked metal gate or locked chain at the access road entrances of all the wind turbine generator locations. An exception may be made when the landowner has filed a written statement with the county which states that the owner does not want a locked metal gate installed and has provided a signed liability waiver to the county.
4. The special use permit granted to the applicant shall bind and inure to the benefit of the applicant, its successors-in-interest and assigns. If any provision in this ordinance or conditions of approval are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance or conditions that can be given effect without the invalid provision and, to this end, the provisions in this ordinance and any conditions are severable.
5. The facility owner/operator shall use two methods to detect icing conditions on turbine blades: (1) sensors that detect when blades become imbalanced or create vibration due to ice accumulation; and (2) meteorological data from on-site meteorological towers, on-site anemometers, and other relevant weather sources used to determine if ice accumulation is occurring. These control systems shall automatically shut down turbines in icing conditions or the facility owner/operator shall manually shut down turbines if such conditions are identified.

VIII. **OPERATION.**

A. Maintenance.

1. *Annual Report:* The facility owner must submit, on an annual basis on or before February 1st of each calendar year following its commercial operation date, a report to the county zoning administrator containing the following information: (i) a general description of any physical repairs, replacements, or modifications to the project; (ii) complaints pertaining to setbacks, noise, shadow flicker, appearance, safety, lighting and use of any public roads received by the facility owner concerning the project and the resolution of such complaints; (iii) the number of days the ADLS was operating as

planned; (iv) calls for emergency services; (v) a general summary of service calls to the project; (vi) latest certificates of insurance; (vii) contact information (names, email address and phone numbers) for the person(s) with general oversight of the facility including emergency response; and (viii) overall and per turbine generation of electricity provided in kilowatts and listed by monthly output. In addition to the annual report, such information shall be provided upon direct request by the county. Failure to provide the annual report or report directly as requested by the county (within 30 days) shall be considered a material violation of this ordinance and subject to the remedies provision of this ordinance. Whenever the person(s) with oversight or emergency responsibilities changes or said person(s) contact information changes, the facility owner shall provide updated information to the county within seven calendar days.

2. *Modifications:* Any modification to an existing project that is not considered a repower under this ordinance, or a project that has received a special use permit that has not yet received a building permit, which increases the sound impacts to nonparticipating properties or nonparticipating residences, increases the shadow flicker impacts upon nonparticipating properties or nonparticipating residences, moves a wind tower greater than 100 feet in any direction, or moves any above ground supporting facilities greater than 100 feet in any direction, shall submit to the county an application for an amendment to the special use permit which shall be subject to a public hearing and all procedural requirements of a special use permit request under the Illinois Counties Code.
3. *Repower:* Any modifications to an existing project that increases the nameplate capacity of the project or specific towers, adds additional properties or parcels, or increases the height of a tower or towers shall require the submission of a new special use permit application and be subject to a public hearing and all procedural requirements of a special use permit request under the Illinois Counties Code. If a special use permit is granted upon such a request, the project shall be considered a new facility and begin a new valuation of the project for property tax purposes.
4. *Equipment Upgrades:* Any replacement of existing turbines and/or equipment with substantially similar turbines and/or equipment which is not considered a modification or a repower under this ordinance shall require the issuance of a new building permit through the county zoning office but shall not require an amendment to a previously existing special use permit or a new special use permit. Based on the county's discretion, such equipment upgrades may require additional agreements with the county, including but not limited to, a new road use agreement.

B. Emergency Response.

1. The applicant shall submit to all local emergency responders a copy of the site plan and standard operating procedures and guidelines for the project so that the local law enforcement, fire department/fire protection district and rescue units, emergency medical service providers and emergency management service providers having jurisdiction over the project may evaluate and coordinate emergency response plans.

Such materials shall be provided prior to the filing of the special use permit application.

2. The facility owner, at its own expense, shall provide annual training for, and the necessary equipment to, the operator and local emergency response authorities and their personnel so that they can properly respond to a potential emergency at the project.
3. The facility owner and operator shall cooperate with all local emergency responders to develop an emergency response plan. The emergency response plan(s) must be approved by the county board prior to the issuance of a building permit. The emergency response plan(s) shall include, at a minimum, 24-hour contact information (names, titles, email addresses, cell phone numbers) for the facility owner and the operator, at least three designated facility representatives (a primary representative with two alternate representatives, that are on-call 24 hours per day/7 days per week/365 days per year. Any change in the designated facility representatives and/or contact information shall be promptly communicated to the county zoning administrator. The content of the emergency response plan, including the 24-hour contact information, shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
4. Any portion of a commercial wind energy facility or supporting facilities that experiences a fire or weather impact/damage shall be immediately addressed by the facility owner in coordination with applicable fire departments/fire protection districts and any other emergency response agencies within the project footprint. The facility owner shall notify the county zoning administrator within 24 hours of any fire incident or weather impact/damage and shall provide to the county zoning administrator within seven days the following information: (1) extent of damage and whether the fire or weather impact/damage resulted in any portion of the project (including any wind towers or supporting facilities) becoming inoperable; (2) the estimated time for repair; (3) whether overweight or oversize vehicles will need to utilize public roads for repair of the damaged equipment; and (4) the point of contact for the facility owner regarding the emergency and repairs, and point of contact for any contractor(s) performing the repairs.
5. Nothing in this ordinance shall alleviate the need to comply with all other applicable life, health, safety, fire and emergency laws and regulations.

C. Water, Sewer, Materials Handling, Storage and Disposal.

1. All solid wastes related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the project shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
2. All hazardous materials related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the project shall be handled, stored, transported and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

3. The project shall comply with existing septic and well regulations as required by the county health department and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

D. Shadow Flicker.

1. The project must be operated such that any occupied community building or nonparticipating residence will not experience more than 30 hours per year of shadow flicker under planned operating conditions, unless waived by the impacted property owner.
2. The applicant must present to the county a study on potential shadow flicker, which shall demonstrate through industry standard modeling that no occupied community building or nonparticipating residence will experience more than 30 hours of shadow flicker under planned operating conditions. An occupied community building owner or nonparticipating residence owner may waive this shadow flicker requirement; any shadow flicker waiver shall be set forth in a written waiver executed by the property owner and shall be filed with the county recorder of deeds against title to the affected real property.
3. Any waivers as to shadow flicker obtained after the filing of the special use permit application shall be provided to the county prior to the issuance of a building permit. Any such waivers shall reflect the amount of overage modeled for the operation of the project and shall be recorded with the county recorder.

E. Drainage Systems.

The applicant, at its expense, shall repair, in a prompt and timely manner, all waterways, drainage ditches, agricultural drainage systems, field tiles, or any other private and public infrastructure improvements damaged during construction, maintenance and/or operation of the project in accordance with the "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA), the Illinois Drainage Code (70 ILCS 605/1 et seq.) and any agreements related to drainage.

F. Complaint Resolution.

The facility owner shall, at its expense and in coordination with the facility owner, develop a system for logging and investigating complaints related to the project. The facility owner shall resolve such non-emergency complaints on a case-by-case basis and shall provide written confirmation to the county. All costs and fees incurred by the county in attempting to or resolving complaints shall be reimbursed by the facility owner. The facility owner and operator shall also designate and maintain for the duration of the project a telephone number and email address as its public information/inquiry/complaint hotline which shall be answered by a customer service representative on a 24/7 basis. The applicant shall post the telephone number and email address for the customer service representative in a prominent, easy to find location on their websites and at the project site on signage.

G. Determinations of No Hazard.

A "Determination of No Hazard to Air Navigation" (DNH) for each wind tower and all other structures subject to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) review and approval shall be provided to the county prior to the issuance of any building permit.

IX. LIABILITY INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. Commencing with the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner shall maintain a current general comprehensive liability policy, pollution liability and automobile liability coverage covering bodily injury, death and illness, and property damage, with limits of at least \$20,000,000 per occurrence and \$40,000,000 in the aggregate, during the life of the project. All insurance policies shall be in the name of the facility owner. The original certificate of insurance shall be provided to the county zoning administrator upon prior to the issuance of a building permit, and at each subsequent renewal, at least annually thereafter. Additionally, the facility owner shall promptly increase policy limits if the amount required under this ordinance is increased, upon written notice from the county, and the facility owner shall thereafter provide proof of the increased policy to the county zoning administrator.
- B. The facility owner shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the county and its officers, appointed and elected officials, employees, attorneys, engineers and agents (collectively and individually, the indemnified parties) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees relating to or arising out of the issuance of the special use permit or the construction, operation, maintenance and removal of the and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death or illness), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence) or any acts or omissions of the facility owner and/or the operator under this ordinance or the special use permit, except to the extent any such claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities arise from the negligence or intentional acts of such indemnified parties. This general indemnification shall not be construed as limiting or qualifying the county's other indemnification rights or immunities available under the law.

X. DECOMMISSIONING AND SITE RECLAMATION PLAN.

- A. Applicant must submit a decommissioning plan with cost estimation to the county as part of the special use permit application and shall provide testimony supporting the calculation of costs during the public hearing on the special use permit application. Salvage value shall not be considered for purposes of cost estimation.
- B. Prior to receiving any building permit for the project, the facility owner shall enter into a decommissioning agreement with the county to be approved by the county board.
- C. The facility owner shall submit an updated decommissioning plan with updated cost estimation and updated financial assurance in accordance with the schedule agreed upon with the county.

- D. The county may utilize a third-party engineer and/or counsel to review any decommissioning plan and cost estimation prior to approval of the decommissioning agreement/plan and financial assurance. Costs incurred for the same shall be paid by the applicant or facility owner.

XI. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES.

- A. Any commercial wind energy facility declared to be unsafe by the county by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, damage, or abandonment is hereby declared a public safety issue and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ordinance and decommissioning agreement or plan.
- B. Failure by the applicant, facility owner, or operator to comply with any provisions of this ordinance, provisions under the special use permit, other permits, any conditions imposed on the project, and/or failure to comply with any law or regulation shall constitute a default under this ordinance and shall be grounds for revocation of any special use permit or other permits granted by the county board or the county.
- C. Prior to implementation of the existing county procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the appropriate county body shall first provide written notice to the facility owner and operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the facility owner and operator a reasonable time period, not to exceed 30 days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).
- D. If the county determines that the parties cannot resolve the alleged defaults within the good faith negotiation period, the county shall make application to the circuit court for an injunction requiring conformance with this ordinance or make such other order as the court deems necessary to secure compliance with the ordinance.
- E. Any violation of this ordinance shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$1,000. Each violation shall be a separate offense. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense, subject to a \$1,000 fine for each additional day the violation is not corrected. A court may impose any additional and appropriate per day fine for each day the violation exists or until such violation is remedied, and the court may consider the nature of the violation, the degree of public safety involved, and the efforts of the county, the applicant, facility owner, and/or operator to resolve quickly and safely any and all infractions. It is the intent that any dispute between the parties be resolved promptly and where possible, by informal discussions with the county, as may be outlined elsewhere in this ordinance.
- F. After the effective date of this ordinance, any person/entity who, proceeds with the development of a commercial wind energy facility and/or its supporting facilities located within the territorial jurisdiction of this ordinance, prior to obtaining all approvals under the terms of this ordinance, shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance and shall be fined as stated herein.
- G. The county reserves the right to hire outside counsel to enforce this ordinance or determine compliance with this ordinance. The applicant, facility owner, and/or operator is liable for payment of reasonable attorney's fees in this regard.

- H. Nothing herein shall prevent the county from taking such other lawful action to prevent or remedy violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the applicant, facility owner, and/or operator responsible for the project.

XII. FEE SCHEDULE AND PERMITTING PROCESSES.

A. Special Use Permit Application Fees.

1. Prior to processing any special use permit application for a commercial wind energy facility and supporting facilities, the applicant must submit payment to the county equal to \$5,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity, up to a maximum fee of \$125,000. Nameplate capacity shall include any energy storage system capacity. Nameplate capacity shall be calculated in terms of direct current nameplate capacity.
2. Should the actual costs to the county exceed the special use permit application fee paid, the applicant shall be responsible for those additional costs and shall remit additional funds to the county within 15 days of receipt of a request from the county. No hearings on an application shall be conducted nor decisions rendered on any items related to the special use or decisions on any agreements with the county if outstanding fees remain due to the county.

B. Building Permit Application Fees.

1. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner must deposit a building permit fee equating to \$5,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity, up to a maximum fee of \$75,000. Nameplate capacity shall include any energy storage system capacity. Nameplate capacity shall be calculated in terms of direct current nameplate capacity.
2. Should the actual costs to the county exceed the building permit application fee paid, the applicant shall be responsible for the additional costs and shall remit additional funds to the county within 15 days of receipt of a request from the county. No building permit shall be issued upon outstanding fees remaining due to the county. Costs may include but are not limited to the cost for outside consultants to review and advise to the county as to review of the building permit application.

C. All Costs Paid by Applicant/Facility Owner/Operator.

1. The applicant, facility owner, and/or owner shall pay all costs incurred by the county, those costs associated with all offices, boards and commissions of the county, and third-party costs incurred by the county, including but not limited to, direct or indirect costs associated with the hearing, permitting, operations, inspections, decommissioning, litigation, disputes, and/or negotiations.
2. Any costs that remain unpaid after 30 days following a request for payment from the county shall be subject to any and all available remedies including fines or revocation of any previously issued permit.

XIII. HEARING FACILITATOR.

- A. The county may engage the services of a hearing facilitator. The hearing facilitator shall be an independent contractor who shall conduct a hearing in accordance with all applicable rules of the county but has no adjudicatory responsibility other than ruling on requests for continuances, procedural matters, admissibility of evidence and the propriety of any arguments.
- B. The hearing facilitator shall be an attorney, licensed to practice in the State of Illinois. The applicant shall reimburse the county for the fees and costs charged by the facilitator.

XIV. HEARING FACTORS.

The county board may approve a special use permit application for a commercial wind energy facility and its supporting facilities if it finds the evidence complies with state, federal and local law and regulations, and with the standards of this ordinance including the factors listed below. The factors listed below shall be applied as a balancing test rather than individual requirements to be met. All of the following factors shall be considered unless prohibited by law at the time the county board renders its decision on the special use permit application.

- 1. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the commercial wind energy facility will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare;
- 2. The commercial wind energy facility will not be injurious to the uses and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values of surrounding properties;
- 3. The establishment of the commercial wind energy facility will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding properties;
- 4. Adequate public utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or will be provided;
- 5. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets;
- 6. The commercial wind energy facility is not contrary to the objectives of the current comprehensive plan of the county (if any); and
- 7. The commercial wind energy facility will, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of this ordinance and the zoning district in which it is located, except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified pursuant to the recommendations of and as approved by the county board.

XV. SPECIAL USE PERMIT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

A. Conditions.

As part of its approval of a special use permit, the county board may stipulate conditions, guarantees, and restrictions upon the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, and operation of the facility as deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest and to secure compliance with the standards and requirements of this ordinance.

B. Revocation.

1. In any case where a special use permit has been approved for a commercial wind energy facility, the applicant shall apply for a building permit from the county, and all other permits required by other government or regulatory agencies to commence construction and commence and actively pursue construction of facility within five years from the date of the granting of the special use permit. If the applicant fails to apply for a building permit from the county and all other permits required by other government or regulatory agencies prior to construction and/or fails to commence and actively pursue construction of the facility within this five-year period, then without further action by the county, the special use permit for the facility shall be automatically terminated, revoked and void. Upon written request supported by evidence that the applicant has diligently pursued issuance of all necessary permits for the facility required to commence construction and that any delay in commencement of construction of the facility is due to conditions out of its control, the county may allow for a reasonable extension of time.
2. A special use permit shall be automatically terminated, revoked and void if the applicant dissolves or ceases to do business, abandons the facility, or the facility ceases to operate for more than 12 consecutive months.
3. A special use permit may be revoked by the county if the facility is not constructed, installed and/or operated in substantial conformance with the county-approved plans, the regulations of this ordinance and the special use permit, conditions and restrictions, or failure to comply with any county, state or federal permits, laws or regulations.

C. Transferability.

The facility owner shall provide written notification to the county at least 30 days prior to a change in ownership of the project. A change in ownership shall include any assignment, sale, lease, transfer or other conveyance of ownership or operating control of the project or any portion thereof. The facility owner, successors-in-interest, and assignees of the special use permit shall remain liable for compliance with all conditions, restrictions and obligations contained in the special use permit and any conditions, building permits, the provisions of this ordinance and applicable county, state and federal permits, laws and regulations.

D. Special Use Permit Effective Date and Expiration.

A special use permit granted under this ordinance shall become effective upon the date of approval of the special use permit by the county board. The special use permit shall automatically terminate 30 years after the issuance of a building permit, unless otherwise limited or extended by condition or resolution of the county board.

XVI. SEVERABILITY.

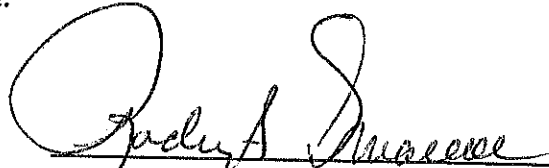
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XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

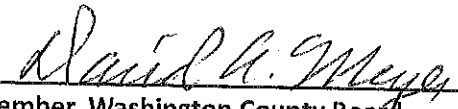
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and approval as required by law, and all prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCIAL WIND ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE

I move for the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.


Member, Washington County Board

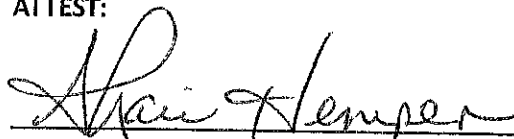
I second the motion for the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

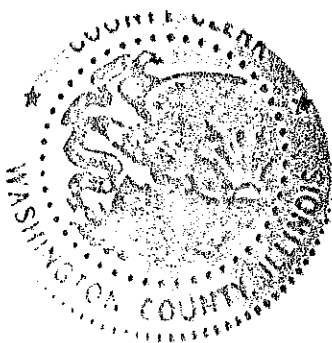

Member, Washington County Board

PASSED this 14 day of July, 2026


CHAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:


CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(SEAL)



WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 128

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ZONING CODE
REGARDING COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the County previously adopted as part of its zoning code an ordinance regulating the siting and development of commercial solar energy facilities within the County; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation amending Section 5-12020 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12020), which governs local regulation of commercial solar energy facilities by Illinois counties, and on January 8, 2026, Governor Pritzker signed said legislation into law; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in complying with statutory law and ensuring the continued protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, following public hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended the County Board adopt the proposed text amendment, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, following review, consideration and discussion, that the County Board hereby approves and adopts the proposed text amendment recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals, as fully set forth herein as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board hereby repeals any prior ordinances pertaining to these subjects and hereby instructs the Zoning Office of the County to publish the adopted ordinance in accordance with law and make said ordinance available to the general public for inspection.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Washington County, Illinois this 14 day of July 2026, by a vote of 13 ayes, 1 nays, and 1 absent.

David A. Meyer
CHAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

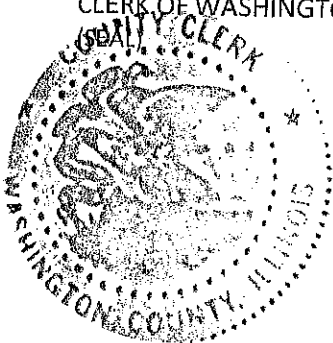


EXHIBIT A

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE

Adopted by the Washington County Board July 14, 2026

Ordinance No. 2026-137

Published in pamphlet form by the authority of Washington County, Illinois,

this _____ day of _____, 2026

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE**

I. DEFINITIONS.

- A. "Applicant" means the entity who submits to the county a special use permit application for a commercial solar energy facility. All references to "applicant" in this ordinance shall include and apply to the applicant and applicant's successors-in-interest and assigns; the facility owner and facility owner's successors-in-interest and assigns; and the operator and operator's successors-in-interest and assigns.
- B. "Commercial operation date" means the calendar date on which the commercial solar energy facility produces power for commercial sale, not including test power.
- C. "Commercial solar energy facility" means a "commercial solar energy system" as defined in Section 10-720 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-720), which is defined as "any device or assembly of devices that (i) is ground installed and (ii) uses solar energy from the sun for generating electricity for the primary purpose of wholesale or retail sale and not primarily for consumption on the property on which the device or devices reside."
- D. "Facility owner" means (i) a person with a direct ownership interest in a commercial solar energy facility, regardless of whether the person is involved in acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or otherwise planning for the construction and operation of the facility, and (ii) a person who, at the time the facility is being developed, is acting as a developer of the facility by acquiring the necessary rights, permits, and approvals or by planning for the construction and operation of the facility, regardless of whether the person will own or operate the facility.
- E. "Financial assurance" means assurance from a credit worthy party, examples of which include a surety bond (e.g., performance and payment bond), trust instrument, cash escrow, or irrevocable letter of credit.
- F. "Nonparticipating property" means real property that is not a participating property.
- G. "Nonparticipating residence" means a residence that is located on nonparticipating property and that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the commercial solar energy facility is filed with the county.
- H. "Occupied community building" means any one or more of the following buildings that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the commercial solar energy facility is filed with the county: a school, place of worship, day care facility, public library, or community center.
- I. "Operator" means the person or entity responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the commercial solar energy facility, including any third-party subcontractors, successors-in-interest and assigns.

- J. "Participating property" means real property that is the subject of a written agreement between a facility owner and the property owner of the real property that provides the facility owner an easement, option, lease, or license to use the real property for the purpose of constructing a commercial solar energy facility or supporting facilities. "Participating property" also includes real property that is owned by a facility owner for the purpose of constructing a commercial solar energy facility or supporting facilities.
- K. "Participating residence" means a residence that is located on participating property and that is existing and occupied on the date that a special use permit application for the commercial solar energy facility is filed with the county.
- L. "Professional engineer" means a qualified individual who is licensed as a professional engineer in the State of Illinois.
- M. "Project" means the commercial solar energy facility and supporting facilities.
- N. "Protected lands" means real property that is: (1) subject to a permanent conservation right consistent with the Illinois Real Property Conservation Rights Act (765 ILCS 120/1 et seq.); or (2) registered or designated as a nature preserve, buffer, or land and water reserve under the Illinois Natural Areas Preservation Act (525 ILCS 30/1 et seq.).
- O. "Supporting facilities" means the transmission lines, substations, access roads, meteorological towers, storage containers, and equipment associated with the generation and storage of electricity by the commercial solar energy facility. "Supporting facilities" includes energy storage systems capable of absorbing energy and storing it for use at a later time, including, but not limited to, batteries and other electrochemical and electromechanical technologies or systems.

II. APPLICABILITY.

This ordinance governs commercial solar energy facilities (including supporting facilities) within the county that generate electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets. This ordinance shall apply to the unincorporated areas of the county that are outside of the zoning jurisdiction of a municipality.

III. PROHIBITION.

No commercial solar energy facility or supporting facilities governed by this ordinance shall be constructed, erected, installed, or located within the county without a special use permit and building permit granted by the county. Commercial solar energy facilities and supporting facilities are only allowed by special use permit and building permit upon agricultural or industrial zoned properties. Unless otherwise allowed by the county, all projects shall conform to the representations made within the special use permit application, representations during the public hearing process, and representations contained within the building permit application.

IV. SOLICITATION.

Prior to contacting any property owner or property owner's representative, any person intending to solicit a property owner in person for the lease, purchase, or use of property in relation to any portion of a commercial solar energy facility, including supporting facilities, must submit to the county sheriff's office an application for a solicitor permit with an application processing fee in the amount of \$100 and must submit to a criminal background check. A solicitor permit shall only be issued upon approval by the county zoning administrator and upon payment of a solicitor permit fee in the amount of \$1,000. A solicitor permit shall be valid for one calendar year from the date of issuance and shall not be transferable to any other person.

V. COMMUNITY MEETING.

At least 90 days prior to the filing of a special use permit application with the county, the applicant shall hold at least one community meeting, open to the public, at a location within the township of the proposed project, or if no location is available within the township, a location within the county, for purposes of informing the public of the proposed project. Notice of the public community meeting shall be mailed to all property owners and residents within 1.5 miles of the project footprint, and advertisement of the public community meeting shall be published in local newspapers. Such notices and advertisements shall reference where additional information may be obtained regarding the proposed project.

VI. SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION.

- A. To obtain a special use permit for a commercial solar energy facility and its supporting facilities, the applicant must submit a special use permit application to the county for review of completeness and scheduling of a public hearing on the application.
- B. Material changes to the special use permit application are not permitted once notice of public hearing on the application has been published, unless otherwise requested or permitted by the county.
- C. The applicant shall submit at least 10 copies of the special use permit application to the county, and at least one copy in electronic format, unless otherwise requested or permitted by the county.
- D. The special use permit application submitted to the county shall contain the following:
 - 1. A project summary for the commercial solar energy facility and its supporting facilities, including:
 - a. A general description of the project, including:
 - i. Approximate overall nameplate generating capacity;
 - ii. Potential equipment manufacturers of the solar panels, racking and any energy storage system equipment;
 - iii. Number of solar panels and nameplate generating capacity of each;
 - iv. Maximum height of the solar panels at full tilt;

- v. Description of supporting facilities, including energy storage systems (if any);
 - vi. Energy storage system nameplate capacity, overall acreage, and types of energy systems to be utilized (if any);
 - vii. Project site plan, phasing plan, construction timeline; and
 - viii. General location of the project; and
- b. A description of the applicant, facility owner, and operator, including their respective business structures;
2. The name, address, and phone number of the applicant, facility owner, operator, participating property owners, and documentation demonstrating land ownership or legal control of the property;
 3. A site plan for the project showing the planned location of each solar array including parcel number and legal descriptions for each site, participating and nonparticipating residences, occupied community buildings, parcel boundary lines (including identification of adjoining properties), setback lines, public access roads and turnout locations, all supporting facilities including any energy storage systems, substations, operations and maintenance buildings, temporary and permanent meteorological towers (if any), concrete batch plants, laydown yards, electrical cabling from the solar array to the substations, ancillary equipment, any utility poles within the project or leading to third party transmission lines or substation, the location of any wetlands, flood plain, drainage structures (including surface ditches and subsurface drainage lines), underground mines, scenic and natural areas within 1,500 feet of the project, the location of all known communications towers within one mile of the project, and the layout of all structures within the geographical boundaries of setbacks;
 4. A topographic map depicting the project site and surrounding area;
 5. A proposed decommissioning plan for the project, including cost estimations and a draft form of financial assurance;
 6. Written approval from relevant road authorities of the roads to be utilized for construction and a draft form of financial assurance for the protection of said roads;
 7. Sound modeling for all potential equipment manufacturers (including solar panels, inverters and energy storage systems) showing the sound emissions, the relevant Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) standards, the impact upon all affected properties, and all supporting data;
 8. An "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA) executed between the facility owner and the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA);
 9. Waivers from any setback requirements executed by occupied community building owners, nonparticipating property owners, and/or nonparticipating residence owners

bearing a file stamp from the county recorder confirming that the waiver was recorded against the title to the affected real property;

10. Waivers from any noise enforcement executed by participating property owners, participating residence owners, nonparticipating property owners and/or nonparticipating residence owners bearing a file stamp confirming that the waiver was recorded against the title to the affected real property. The waiver must reflect the amount of overage to be reasonably expected by the operation of the project;
11. Results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) obtained through its Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool (EcoCAT) or a comparable successor tool;
12. Results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding potential impacts on State-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act (20 ILCS 3420/1 et seq.);
13. Evidence demonstrating that the project will avoid protected lands as identified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC);
14. A farmland drainage plan (to include a drain tile survey) which shall be provided to the county and any impacted drainage district;
15. Adequate proof that the special use permit application was submitted to local emergency response agencies;
16. A proposed vegetative screening plan and vegetation/weed management plan;
17. A proposed grading plan if any grading will be necessary for the construction of the project;
18. For projects over 5 MW of AC nameplate capacity, a copy of all communication and interference studies demonstrating the potential impacts of the project on television, radio, telephone (including mobile phone communications), transportation communication devices, emergency and law enforcement communications including E911 communications, and weather radar utilized by the National Weather Service or others to communicate weather events to the public;
19. All information required under Section 5-12024 of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-12024) for any energy storage systems utilized for the project;
20. Sufficient documentation showing that at least one community meeting, open to the public, was held at least 90 days prior to the submission of the special use permit application, and that all property owners and residents within 1.5 miles of the project

footprint received notice and local newspaper publication was made in accordance with this ordinance;

21. All other required studies, reports, certifications, and approvals necessary for demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this ordinance;
22. Any other information requested by the county or its consultants necessary to evaluate the special use permit application and to demonstrate that the project meets the provisions of this ordinance; and
23. Any other information normally required by, or reasonably requested by, the county as part of its permitting requirements for buildings or other structures.

VII. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION.

A. Design Safety Certification.

The project shall conform to applicable industry standards, including those of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) (most recent edition), National Electric Code (NEC) (most recent edition) and requirements of the public utility. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, applicant shall submit certificates of design compliance from equipment manufacturers obtained from Underwriters Laboratories (UL), Det Norske Veritas (DNV), Germanischer Lloyd (GL), or an equivalent third party. The project shall consist of new equipment and no used or experimental equipment shall be used in the project without approval by the county.

B. Aesthetics and Lighting.

1. *Design and Consistency:* All solar panels shall be of similar design, size, and height; rotate in the same direction; shall be consistent in color and direction with nearby facilities; and shall be designed and installed in order to prevent glare toward any inhabited buildings on adjacent properties as well as adjacent rights-of-way.
2. *Lighting:* All projects shall comply with responsible outdoor lighting provided by the International Dark-Sky Association and shall limit outdoor lighting to that which is minimally required for safety and operational purposes. Any outdoor lighting shall be reasonably shielded and downcast from all residences and adjacent properties.
3. *Intra-Project Power and Communication Lines:* All power lines used to collect power from solar panels and all communication lines shall be buried underground at a depth in accordance with the "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA) until same reach the property line or a substation adjacent to the property line.
4. *Debris and Garbage:* The project area shall be kept free of debris and garbage at all times during the life of the project, including those areas outside the fencing of the project.

5. *Vegetative Screening*: The project shall provide vegetative screening to shield nonparticipating residences. The vegetative screening shall be at least five feet in height at the commercial operation date. A vegetative screening plan must be submitted with the special use permit application, and may be subject to revision, review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.
6. *Vegetation/Weed Management*: The project shall perform an assessment of the property for the presence of noxious weeds, in particular, those regulated by the Illinois Noxious Weed Law (505 ILCS 100/1 et seq.) and the Illinois Exotic Weed Act (525 ILCS 10/1 et seq.). In addition to those weeds specifically regulated by statute or regulation, the applicant shall perform an assessment of the property for all species of *Amaranthus*, including but not limited to, *Amaranthus Tuberculatus* (waterhemp, roughfruit waterhemp, roughfruit amaranth, etc.). Such assessment shall include the presence and propensity for such weeds to exist within the project area and a plan for eradication and management of such weeds. A vegetation/weed management plan must be submitted as part of the special use permit application and may be subject to revision, review and approval prior to the issuance of a building permit.
7. *Fencing*: The project shall be enclosed by fencing having a height of at least six feet and no more than 25 feet.

C. Warnings.

1. A visible warning sign concerning voltage must be placed at all entrances, at all transformers and inverters, substations, and other locations where high voltage is present and is reasonably accessible by others.
2. Visible, reflective, colored objects, such as flags, plastic sleeves, reflectors, or tape shall be placed on the anchor points of guy wires and along the guy wires up to a height of 15 feet from the ground.

D. Setback Requirements.

1. Commercial solar energy facilities (and all supporting facilities) shall be setback with the setback distances measured from the nearest edge of any above-ground component of the facility, excluding fencing:
 - a. *Occupied Community Buildings and Dwellings on Nonparticipating Property*: 150 feet to the nearest point on the outside wall of the structure.
 - b. *Boundary Lines of Participating Property*: None.
 - c. *Boundary Lines of Nonparticipating Property*: 50 feet to the nearest point on the property line of the nonparticipating property.
 - d. *Public Road Rights-of-Way*: 50 feet to the nearest edge of the public right-of-way.

2. Setback requirements for fencing in relation to public rights-of-way shall be those set forth for agricultural/industrial districts by the county's general zoning code.
3. Setback requirements may be waived by the written consent of the property owner of each affected nonparticipating property. Any waiver of the above setback requirements shall run with the land and shall be recorded with the county recorder prior to the issuance of any building permit for project.

E. Compliance with Additional Regulations.

Nothing in this ordinance is intended to preempt any other applicable state and federal laws regulations or permits.

F. Use of Public Roads.

1. An applicant proposing to use any county, municipality, township or village roads, for the purpose of transporting commercial solar energy facility or supporting facility equipment for construction, operation, or maintenance shall:
 - a. Identify all such public roads; and
 - b. Conduct a preconstruction baseline survey to determine existing road conditions for assessing potential future damage.
2. Enter into a road use agreement with the county and each affected Road District that includes the following provisions, at a minimum:
 - a. Project layout map;
 - b. Transportation impact analysis;
 - c. Notification procedures for road closures and/or lane restrictions;
 - d. Preconstruction plans;
 - e. Project traffic map;
 - f. Project scope of repairs;
 - g. Post-construction repairs;
 - h. Insurance; and
 - i. Financial assurance in forms and amounts acceptable to the county.
3. The road use agreement shall require applicant to be responsible for the reasonable cost of improving roads used to construct the project and the cost of repairing roads used by the facility owner during construction of the project. Roadways improved in preparation for and during the construction of the project shall be repaired and restored to the improved condition at the cost of the developer if the roadways have degraded or were damaged as a result of construction-related activities.
4. All repairs and improvements to county public roads and roadway appurtenances shall be subject to the prior approval of the county before being made and shall also be subject to inspection and acceptance by the county after such repairs and improvements are completed. The county's road use agreement, and any further

agreements contemplated therein, regarding the maintenance and repair of county public roads and highways, must be approved by the county board prior to the approval of any building permit applications related to the construction of the proposed project. Copies of any other road use agreements for the project must also be provided to the county zoning administrator prior to the approval of any building permit applications.

G. Site Assessment.

To ensure that the subsurface conditions of the site will provide proper support for the project and soil restoration, the applicant, at its expense, shall provide soil and geotechnical boring reports to the county with respect to each solar array and any energy storage system equipment, as part of its building permit application. The applicant shall follow the guidelines for conservation practices impact mitigation submitted by the county's soil and water conservation district (or equivalent regulatory agency). The applicant shall submit grading plans for the project for review and comment by the county's soil and water conservation district (or equivalent regulatory agency) and shall submit said plans to the county prior to the issuance of any building permit.

H. Communications Analysis; Interference.

1. For projects over 5 MW of AC nameplate capacity, the applicant shall, at its own expense, retain a third-party qualified professional to conduct a television reception analysis within a 1.5-mile radius of the project footprint. The analysis shall document all television stations received in the area and shall serve as the baseline conditions prior to construction. This study shall be submitted as part of the special use permit application for the project.
2. For projects over 5 MW of AC nameplate capacity, the applicant shall, at its own expense, retain a qualified third-party professional to conduct a communications study demonstrating that E911, other emergency communications, and official county or municipal communications will not be negatively impacted by the project. This study shall be submitted as part of the special use permit application for the project.
3. The facility owner/operator shall, at its own expense, immediately mitigate and eliminate any interference the project causes with electromagnetic communications, including radio, telephone, microwave, or television signals, especially those affecting government public safety communications (police, fire, emergency management services, and 911 dispatch).
 - a. The applicant shall provide microwave transmission providers and local emergency service providers with a copy of the project summary and site plan. If these providers demonstrate a likelihood of interference, the facility owner/operator shall take all necessary measures to minimize and mitigate the anticipated interference. For any interference affecting public safety communications, the facility owner/operator shall immediately implement all necessary and commercially available measures to eliminate the interference.

- b. If the facility owner/operator receives a written interference complaint after construction; it shall respond immediately. For public safety communications complaints, the facility owner/operator must immediately take all necessary and commercially available steps to eliminate the interference.
4. If, after construction of the project, the facility owner/operator receives a written complaint related to interference with local residential television or radio reception, the facility owner/operator shall take commercially reasonable steps to investigate and respond. A summary of the complaint and subsequent response from the facility owner/operator shall be forwarded to the county for review. The facility owner/operator shall have 30 calendar days to verify the complaint, and 15 calendar days to respond. Said response shall be addressed and forwarded to both the county and the complainant. Such response shall include, but not be limited to, an acknowledgment that a complaint was made and evaluated by the facility owner/operator; and if considered valid by the facility owner/operator, an explanation, including a timeline, as to how the facility owner/operator will resolve the complaint. In no event shall valid television reception issues persist beyond 60 calendar days from the date the complaint is validated. If considered invalid by the facility owner/operator, an explanation, including supporting documentation and expert opinions as to why the facility owner/operator believes the complaint is not valid shall be provided to the county and the complainant.

I. Noise Levels.

Noise levels from the project shall comply with applicable Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB) regulations. The applicant shall submit manufacturer sound power level characteristics and other relevant data for all project equipment necessary for a competent noise analysis. The applicant, through the use of a qualified professional, shall appropriately demonstrate compliance with the applicable noise requirements in its special use permit application. Any waivers as to noise shall be provided in the special use permit application, and any waivers as to noise obtained after the filing of the special use permit application shall be provided to the county prior to the issuance of a building permit. Any such waivers shall reflect the amount of overage modeled for the operation of the project and shall be recorded with the county recorder.

J. Agricultural Impact Mitigation.

Pursuant to the Illinois Renewable Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act (505 ILCS 147/15), the facility owner shall enter into an "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA) with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). All impacted agricultural land, whether impacted during construction; operation, or decommissioning activities, must, at a minimum, be remediated by the applicant pursuant to the terms of the AIMA. The applicant shall submit a copy of the fully executed AIMA to the county as part of its special use permit application.

K. Avian and Wildlife Impact Study.

The applicant, at its expense, shall have a third-party, qualified professional conduct an avian and wildlife impact study and submit said study to the county as part of the special use permit application. The project shall be located, designed, constructed, and operated so as to avoid and if necessary, mitigate, impacts to wildlife.

L. As-Built Map and Plans.

Within 60 calendar days of completion of construction of the project, the facility owner or operator shall deliver to the county "as-built" maps, a final site plan and engineering plans that have been signed and stamped by a professional engineer and surveyor licensed in the State of Illinois.

M. Engineer's Certificate.

Prior to the issuance of a building permit, applicant must submit a certification from a structural engineer registered in the State of Illinois that the project design is compatible with and appropriate given the specific soil, subsurface and climate conditions. The structural engineer's certificate shall be submitted as part of the building permit application.

N. Conformance with Approved Application and Plans.

The facility owner/operator shall construct and operate the project in conformance with the special use permit and any conditions, building permit requirements, this ordinance and all applicable state, federal and local laws, regulations, and permits.

O. Additional Terms and Conditions.

1. All technical submissions, as defined by the Illinois Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 (225 ILCS 325/1 et seq.), contained in the special use permit application and the building permit application shall be prepared and signed by a professional engineer for the relevant discipline.
2. The county may retain a qualified, independent code inspector or professional engineer both to make inspections of the project during and after construction and to consult with the county to confirm that the construction, substantial repair, replacement, repowering and/or decommissioning of the project is performed in compliance with applicable ordinance, conditions, electrical and building codes, state and federal law and regulation. The costs and fees so incurred by the county in retaining said inspector or engineer shall be promptly reimbursed by the facility owner/operator.
3. The special use permit granted to the applicant shall bind and inure to the benefit of the applicant, its successors-in-interest and assigns. If any provision in this ordinance or conditions of approval are held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance or conditions that can be given effect without the invalid

provision and, to this end, the provisions in this ordinance and any conditions are severable.

VIII. OPERATION.

A. Maintenance.

1. *Annual Report:* The facility owner must submit, on an annual basis on or before February 1st of each calendar year following its commercial operation date, a report to the county zoning administrator containing the following information: (i) a general description of any physical repairs, replacements, or modifications to the project; (ii) complaints pertaining to setbacks, noise, appearance, safety, lighting and use of any public roads received by the facility owner concerning the project and the resolution of such complaints; (iii) calls for emergency services; (iv) a general summary of service calls to the project; (v) latest certificates of insurance; (vi) contact information (names, email address and phone numbers) for the person(s) with general oversight of the facility including emergency response; and (vii) overall and per panel generation of electricity provided in kilowatts and listed by monthly output. In addition to the annual report, such information shall be provided upon direct request by the county. Failure to provide the annual report or report directly as requested by the county (within 30 days) shall be considered a material violation of this ordinance and subject to the remedies provision of this ordinance. Whenever the person(s) with oversight or emergency responsibilities changes or said person(s) contact information changes, the facility owner shall provide updated information to the county within seven calendar days.
2. *Modifications:* Any modification to an existing project that is not considered a repower under this ordinance, or a project that has received a special use permit that has not yet received a building permit, which increases the sound impacts to nonparticipating properties or nonparticipating residences, shall submit to the county an application for an amendment to the special use permit which shall be subject to a public hearing and all procedural requirements of a special use permit request under the Illinois Counties Code.
3. *Repower:* Any modifications to an existing project that increases the nameplate capacity or adds additional properties or parcels shall require the submission of a new special use permit application and be subject to a public hearing and all procedural requirements of a special use permit request under the Illinois Counties Code. If a special use permit is granted upon such a request, the project shall be considered a new facility and begin a new the valuation of the project for property tax purposes.
4. *Equipment Upgrades:* Any replacement of existing equipment with substantially similar equipment which is not considered a modification or a repower under this ordinance shall require the issuance of a new building permit through the county zoning office but shall not require an amendment to a previously existing special use permit or a new special use permit. Based on the county's discretion, such equipment upgrades may require additional agreements with the county, including but not limited to, a new road use agreement.

B. Emergency Response.

1. The applicant shall submit to all local emergency responders a copy of the site plan and standard operating procedures and guidelines for the project so that the local law enforcement, fire department/fire protection district and rescue units, emergency medical service providers and emergency management service providers having jurisdiction over the project may evaluate and coordinate emergency response plans with the applicant. Such materials shall be provided prior to the filing of the special use permit application.
2. The facility owner, at its own expense, shall provide annual training for, and the necessary equipment to, the operator and local emergency response authorities and their personnel so that they can properly respond to a potential emergency at the project.
3. The facility owner and operator shall cooperate with all local emergency responders to develop an emergency response plan. The emergency response plan(s) shall be approved by the county board prior to the issuance of a building permit. The emergency response plan(s) shall include, at a minimum, 24-hour contact information (names, titles, email addresses, cell phone numbers) for the facility owner and the operator, at least three designated facility representatives (a primary representative with two alternate representatives, that are on-call 24 hours per day/7 days per week/365 days per year. Any change in the designated facility representatives and/or contact information shall be promptly communicated to the county zoning administrator. The content of the emergency response plan, including the 24-hour contact information, shall be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.
4. Any portion of a commercial solar energy facility or supporting facilities that experiences a fire or weather impact/damage shall be immediately addressed by the facility owner and operator in coordination with all fire departments/fire protection districts and any other emergency response agencies within the project footprint. The facility owner shall notify the county zoning administrator within 24 hours of any fire incident or weather impact/damage and shall provide to the county zoning administrator within seven days the following information: (1) extent of damage and whether the fire or weather impact/damage resulted in any portion of the project becoming inoperable (including any solar arrays or supporting facilities); (2) the estimated time for repair; (3) whether overweight or oversize vehicles will need to utilize public roads for repair of any damaged equipment; and (4) the point of contact for the facility owner regarding the emergency and repairs, and point of contact for any contractor(s) performing the repairs.
5. Nothing in this ordinance shall alleviate the need to comply with all other applicable life, health, safety, fire and emergency laws and regulations.

C. Water, Sewer, Materials Handling, Storage and Disposal.

1. All solid wastes related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the project shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.
2. All hazardous materials related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the project shall be handled, stored, transported and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
3. The project shall comply with existing septic and well regulations as required by the county health department and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

D. Drainage Systems.

The applicant, at its expense, shall repair, in a prompt and timely manner, all waterways, drainage ditches, agricultural drainage systems, field tiles, or any other private and public infrastructure improvements damaged during construction, maintenance and/or operation of the project in accordance with the "Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement" (AIMA), the Illinois Drainage Code (70 ILCS 605/1 et seq.) and any agreements related to drainage.

E. Complaint Resolution.

The facility owner shall, at its expense and in coordination with the county, develop a system for logging and investigating complaints related to the project. The facility owner shall resolve such non-emergency complaints on a case-by-case basis and shall provide written confirmation to the county. All costs and fees incurred by the county in attempting to or resolving complaints shall be reimbursed by the facility owner. The facility owner and operator shall also designate and maintain for the duration of the project a telephone number and email address as its public information/inquiry/complaint hotline which shall be answered by a customer service representative on a 24/7 basis. The facility owner and operator shall post the telephone number and email address for the customer service representative in a prominent, easy to find location on their websites and at the project site on signage.

IX. LIABILITY INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION.

- A. Commencing with the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner shall maintain a current general comprehensive liability policy, pollution liability and automobile liability coverage covering bodily injury, death and illness, and property damage, with limits of at least \$10,000,000 per occurrence and \$20,000,000 in the aggregate, during the life of the project. All insurance policies shall be in the name of the facility owner. The original certificate of insurance shall be provided to the county zoning administrator upon prior to the issuance of a building permit, and at each subsequent renewal, at least annually thereafter. Additionally, the facility owner shall promptly increase policy limits if the amount required under this ordinance is increased, upon written notice from the county, and the facility owner shall thereafter provide proof of the increased policy to the county zoning administrator.

- B. The facility owner and operator shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the county and its officers, appointed and elected officials, employees, attorneys, engineers and agents (collectively and individually, the indemnified parties) from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities whatsoever, including reasonable attorney's fees relating to or arising out of the issuance of the special use permit or the construction, operation, maintenance and removal of the and affiliated equipment including, without limitation, liability for property damage or personal injury (including death or illness), whether said liability is premised on contract or on tort (including without limitation strict liability or negligence) or any acts or omissions of the facility owner and/or the operator under this ordinance or the special use permit, except to the extent any such claims, demands, losses, suits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses and liabilities arise from the negligence or intentional acts of such indemnified parties. This general indemnification shall not be construed as limiting or qualifying the county's other indemnification rights or immunities available under the law.

X. DECOMMISSIONING AND SITE RECLAMATION PLAN.

- A. Applicant must submit a decommissioning plan with cost estimation to the county as part of the special use permit application and shall provide testimony supporting the calculation of costs during the public hearing on the special use permit application. Salvage value shall not be considered for purposes of cost estimation.
- B. Prior to receiving any building permit for the project, the facility owner shall enter into a decommissioning agreement with the county to be approved by the county board.
- C. The facility owner shall submit an updated decommissioning plan with updated cost estimation and updated financial assurance in accordance with the schedule agreed upon with the county.
- D. The county may utilize a third-party engineer and/or counsel to review any decommissioning plan and cost estimation prior to approval of the decommissioning agreement/plan and financial assurance. Costs incurred for the same shall be paid by the applicant or facility owner.

XI. DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES.

- A. Any commercial solar energy facility declared to be unsafe by the county by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, damage, or abandonment is hereby declared a public safety issue and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition, or removal in accordance with the procedures set forth in this ordinance and decommissioning agreement or plan.
- B. Failure by the applicant, facility owner, or operator to comply with any provisions of this ordinance, provisions under the special use permit, other permits, any conditions imposed on the project, and/or failure to comply with any law or regulation shall constitute a default under this ordinance and shall be grounds for revocation of any special use permit or other permits granted by the county board or the county.

- C. Prior to implementation of the existing county procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the appropriate county body shall first provide written notice to the facility owner and operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the facility owner and operator a reasonable time period, not to exceed 30 days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).
- D. If the county determines that the parties cannot resolve the alleged defaults within the good faith negotiation period, the county shall make application to the circuit court for an injunction requiring conformance with this ordinance or make such other order as the court deems necessary to secure compliance with the ordinance.
- E. Any violation of this ordinance shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$1,000. Each violation shall be a separate offense. Each day a violation occurs or continues shall be a separate offense, subject to a \$1,000 fine for each additional day the violation is not corrected. A court may impose any additional and appropriate per day fine for each day the violation exists or until such violation is remedied, and the court may consider the nature of the violation, the degree of public safety involved, and the efforts of the county, the applicant, facility owner, and/or operator to resolve quickly and safely any and all violations. It is the intent that any dispute between the parties be resolved promptly, and where possible, by informal discussions with the county, as may be outlined elsewhere in this ordinance.
- F. After the effective date of this ordinance, any person/entity who proceeds with the development of a commercial solar energy facility and/or its supporting facilities located within the territorial jurisdiction of this ordinance, prior to obtaining all approvals under the terms of this ordinance, shall be deemed in violation of this ordinance and shall be fined as stated herein.
- G. The county reserves the right to hire outside counsel to enforce this ordinance and/or determine compliance with this ordinance. The applicant, facility owner, and/or operator is liable for payment of reasonable attorney's fees in this regard.
- H. Nothing herein shall prevent the county from taking such other lawful action to prevent or remedy violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the applicant, facility owner, and/or operator responsible for the project.

XII. FEE SCHEDULE AND PERMITTING PROCESSES.

A. Special Use Permit Application Fees.

- 1. Prior to processing any special use permit application for a commercial solar energy facility and supporting facilities, the applicant must submit payment to the county equal to \$5,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity, up to a maximum fee of \$125,000. Nameplate capacity shall include any energy storage system capacity. Nameplate capacity shall be calculated in terms of direct current nameplate capacity.
- 2. Should the actual costs to the county exceed the special use permit application fee paid, the applicant shall be responsible for those additional costs and shall remit additional funds to the county within 15 days of receipt of a request from the county.

No hearings on an application shall be conducted nor decisions rendered on any items related to the special use or decisions on any agreements with the county if outstanding fees remain due to the county.

B. Building Permit Application Fees.

1. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the facility owner must deposit a building permit fee equating to \$5,000 per megawatt of nameplate capacity, up to a maximum fee of \$75,000. Nameplate capacity shall include any energy storage system capacity. Nameplate capacity shall be calculated in terms of direct current nameplate capacity.
2. Should the actual costs to the county exceed the building permit application fee paid, the applicant shall be responsible for the additional costs and shall remit additional funds to the county within 15 days of receipt of a request from the county. No building permit shall be issued upon outstanding fees remaining due to the county. Costs may include but are not limited to the cost for outside consultants to review and advise to the county as to review of the building permit application.

C. All Costs Paid by Applicant/Facility Owner/Operator.

1. The applicant, facility owner, and/or operator shall pay all costs incurred by the county, those costs associated with all offices, boards and commissions of the county, and third-party costs incurred by the county, including but not limited to, direct or indirect costs associated with the hearing, permitting, operations, inspections, decommissioning, litigation, disputes, and/or negotiations.
2. Any costs that remain unpaid after 30 days following a request for payment from the county shall be subject to any and all available remedies including fines or revocation of any previously issued permit.

XIII. HEARING FACILITATOR.

- A. The county may engage the services of a hearing facilitator. The hearing facilitator shall be an independent contractor who shall conduct a hearing in accordance with all applicable rules of the county but has no adjudicatory responsibility other than ruling on requests for continuances, procedural matters, admissibility of evidence and the propriety of any arguments.
- B. The hearing facilitator shall be an attorney, licensed to practice in the State of Illinois. The applicant shall reimburse the county for the fees and costs charged by the facilitator.

XIV. HEARING FACTORS.

The county board may approve a special use permit application for a commercial solar energy facility and its supporting facilities if it finds the evidence complies with state, federal and local law and regulations, and with the standards of this ordinance including the factors listed below. The factors listed below shall be applied as a balancing test rather than individual requirements

to be met. All of the following factors shall be considered unless prohibited by law at the time county board renders its decision on the special use permit application.

1. The establishment, maintenance or operation of the commercial solar energy facility will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare;
2. The commercial solar energy facility will not be injurious to the uses and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purposes already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values of surrounding properties;
3. The establishment of the commercial solar energy facility will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding properties;
4. Adequate public utilities, access roads, drainage and/or necessary facilities have been or will be provided;
5. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets;
6. The commercial solar energy facility is not contrary to the objectives of the current comprehensive plan of the county (if any); and
7. The commercial solar energy facility will, in all other respects, conform to the applicable regulations of this ordinance and the zoning district in which it is located, except as such regulations may, in each instance, be modified pursuant to the recommendations of and as approved by the county board.

XV. SPECIAL USE PERMIT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

A. Conditions.

As part of its approval of a special use permit for a commercial solar energy facility, the county board may stipulate conditions, guarantees, and restrictions upon the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, and operation of the facility as deemed necessary for the protection of the public interest and to secure compliance with the standards and requirements of this ordinance.

B. Revocation.

1. In any case where a special use permit has been approved for a commercial solar energy facility, the applicant shall apply for a building permit from the county, and all other permits required by other government or regulatory agencies to commence construction and commence and actively pursue construction of facility within five years from the date of the granting of the special use permit. If the applicant fails to apply for a building permit from the county and all other permits required by other government or regulatory agencies prior to construction and/or fails to commence and actively pursue construction of the facility within this five-year period, then

without further action by the county, the special use permit for the facility shall be automatically terminated, revoked and void. Upon written request supported by evidence that the applicant has diligently pursued issuance of all necessary permits for the facility required to commence construction and that any delay in commencement of construction of the facility is due to conditions out of its control, the county may allow for a reasonable extension of time.

2. A special use permit shall be automatically terminated, revoked and void if the applicant dissolves or ceases to do business, abandons the facility, or the facility ceases to operate for more than 12 consecutive months.
3. A special use permit may be revoked by the county if the facility is not constructed, installed and/or operated in substantial conformance with the county-approved plans, the regulations of this ordinance and the special use permit, conditions and restrictions, or failure to comply with any county, state or federal permits, laws or regulations.

C. Transferability.

The facility owner shall provide written notification to the county at least 30 days prior to a change in ownership of the project. A change in ownership shall include any assignment, sale, lease, transfer or other conveyance of ownership or operating control of the project or any portion thereof. The facility owner, successors-in-interest, and assignees of the special use permit, as applicable, shall remain liable for compliance with all conditions, restrictions and obligations contained in the special use permit and any conditions, building permits, the provisions of this ordinance and applicable county, state and federal permits, laws and regulations.

D. Special Use Permit Effective Date and Expiration.

A special use permit granted under this ordinance shall become effective upon the date of approval of the special use permit by the county board. The special use permit shall automatically terminate 30 years after the issuance of a building permit, unless otherwise limited or extended by condition or resolution of the county board.

XVI. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, paragraph, clause, phrase or part of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance.

XVII. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, publication and approval as required by law, and all prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects of this ordinance shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY ORDINANCE

I move for the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

David R Karg
Member, Washington County Board

I second the motion for the adoption of the foregoing Ordinance.

Eri Brown
Member, Washington County Board

PASSED this 14 day of July, 2026

David A. Meyer
CHAIR, WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD

ATTEST:

Shari Hemper
CLERK OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(SEAL)



WASHINGTON COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL - MONTHLY REPORT

I, Deb Hagoplan, 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 June 30, 2026, as submitted to the Board in July 2026.

Category	Dogs	Cats	Total
Beginning of Month	19	20	39
End of Month	13	9	22

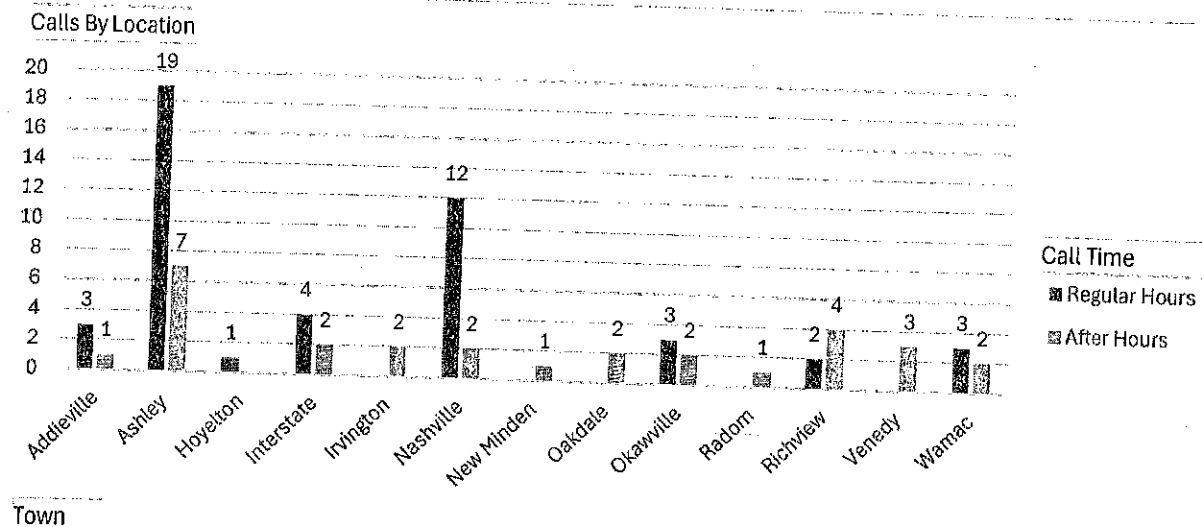
Intake Type	Dogs	Cats	Total
Owner Surrenders	4	4	8
Strays Picked Up	8	5	13
Police Ordered Pickups	0	0	0
Confiscations	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0
Total Intake	12	9	21

Outcome	Dogs	Cats	Total
Adoptions	10	1	11
Returned to Owner	7	0	7
Rescue Transfers	11	31	42
Euthanized	1	0	1
Deceased in Care	0	3	3
Total Outcomes	29	35	64

Category	Dogs	Cats	Total
Currently in Foster	2	2	4
Entered Foster			0
Returned from Foster			0

Service	Count
Animal Runs During Business Hours	24
Animal Runs After Hours	13
Bite Investigations	
Welfare Checks	
Cruelty Investigations	
Wildlife Calls	
Total Field Calls	37

Calls By Location Town/Village	Call Times		Grand Total
	Regular Hours	After Hours	
Addieville	3	1	4
Ashley	19	7	26
Hoyelton	1		1
Interstate	4	2	6
Irvington		2	2
Nashville	12	2	14
New Minden		1	1
Oakdale		2	2
Okawville	3	2	5
Radom		1	1
Richview	2	4	6
Venedy		3	3
Wamac	3	2	5
Grand Total	47	29	76



WASHINGTON COUNTY RESOLUTION #2026-129

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board recognizes that the influence of a legislature dominated by Cook County does not align with many Washington County's local values; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board has become aware of an effort to begin discussions regarding the possibility of separating from Cook County; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board seeks direction from Washington County citizens on whether to participate in these discussions, which will include research regarding the financial implications of separation; and

WHEREAS, an advisory referendum would not effectuate a split, but a be an important first step, by assessing the will of the people and informing local, state, and federal officials; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board now wishes to adopt a Resolution providing for said advisory question to appear on the November 3, 2026 election ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Washington County Board that the following public question shall appear on the ballot of the November 3, 2026, general election, and shall be certified with the Washington County Clerk, with the election of the referendum to be conducted in accordance with general election law:

"Shall the County Board of Washington County correspond with the _____ YES
Boards of other counties outside of Cook County about the possibility
of separating from Cook County to form a new state, and seek admission _____ NO
to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?"

This Resolution adopted by the Washington County Board on the 14 day of
July, 2026 by a vote of 14 Ayes and 0 Nays.

David A. Meyer
David Meyer, Chairman
Washington County Board

ATTEST:
Shari Hempen
Shari Hempen,
Washington County Clerk



Report of Committee

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Nashville, Illinois

July 1, 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 June 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.

County Highway Fund	\$117,705.01
County Bridge Fund	\$24,600.85
County Matching Fund	\$0.00
County MFT Fund	\$88,492.15
Road District Fund	\$48,074.36
Township Bridge Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$278,872.37

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Chairman

Kurt Chan

David R. King

Kyle Hagan

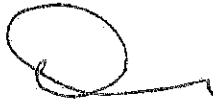
Claims Committee

We have examined and approved the bills listed for June 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:

7-1-26


Chairman


Eric Brannon
Road and Bridge Committee

INVOICE EDIT REPORT

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Date: 07/13/2026
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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Inv/PO Number	Claim Number	Invoice Date	Due Date	G/L Date	Liq. ?	Comm. Bank System	Operator
3100	ADAMS, CARL	06/2026							Batch
				06/10/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/08/26	DONNA
				AMBULANCE DEPT - REIMBURSE	VIZIO SMART TELEVISION (WALMART)			3196	
				REIMBURSED EXPENSE				178.00	
				Gross Invoice Amount				178.00	
				Net Invoice Amount				178.00	
2773	ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCA	RINV-010190		06/01/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/09/26	DONNA
				WASHINGTON CO SHERIFF - JULY 26 ON-SITE MEDICAL SERVICES				3196	
				INMATE MEDICAL NEEDS				4,166.58	
				Gross Invoice Amount				4,166.58	
				Net Invoice Amount				4,166.58	
3987	ALTHOFF, KRYSTAL	06/2026		06/30/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/02/26	DONNA
				REIMBURSE PHONE, OFFICE SUPPLIES (PENS, WIRELESS MOUSE, ORGANIZER, STAPLER				3196	
				OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSE				141.70	
				Gross Invoice Amount				141.70	
				Net Invoice Amount				141.70	
3500	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LLMH-QPJ3-T6VD		06/18/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	06/19/26	DONNA
				ACCT #A1QEC9EWN9266H, SHERIFF DEPT - SHIPPING LABELS, MINERAL OIL				3196	
				EQUIPMENT PURCHASES				82.95	
				JAIL MAINTENANCE				57.58	
				Gross Invoice Amount				140.53	
				Net Invoice Amount				140.53	
3500	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	16YN-HXWH-GGVK		06/30/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/08/26	DONNA
				ACCT #A3RU07NA33259K, AMBULANCE DEPT - CARGO SHORTS, SHOES				3196	
				UNIFORMS				263.97	
				Gross Invoice Amount				263.97	
				Net Invoice Amount				263.97	
3500	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1LGY-4L7J-N9NJ		07/06/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/08/26	DONNA
				ACCT #A3RU07NA33259K, AMBULANCE DEPT - CARGO SHORTS				3196	
				UNIFORMS				58.20	
				Gross Invoice Amount				58.20	
				Net Invoice Amount				58.20	
3500	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1PP4-RKKH-7J4H		06/30/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/08/26	DONNA
				ACCT #A3RU07NA33259K, AMBULANCE DEPT - PAINT ROLLER KIT, PAINTERS TAPE				3196	
				BUILDING MAINTENANCE				64.57	
				Gross Invoice Amount				64.57	
				Net Invoice Amount				64.57	
3500	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1LHX-YQ6Y-3MHW		06/28/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/08/26	DONNA
				ACCT #A3RU07NA33259K, AMBULANCE DEPT - PAINT				3196	
				BUILDING MAINTENANCE				83.98	
				Gross Invoice Amount				83.98	
				Net Invoice Amount				83.98	
3500	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1QP9-4P43-WG6R		06/22/26	07/14/26	07/14/26	N	07/09/26	DONNA
				ACCT #A1QEC9EWN9266H, SHERIFF DEPT - CABLE CLIPS				3196	
				OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSE				12.95	