AGENDA
STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD ROOM
May 13, 2025
6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PRAYER RESPONSIBLE BY MR. JOGERST
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MR. BRANDT
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of April 17, 2025 Minutes
B. Refer all claims on the Clerk's desk to the proper committees without reading

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9-1-1	244,788.48
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D. Approval of grant for HSIP for construction of the intersection of McConnell Road and Route 26
E. Approval of grant for HSIP for construction of a roundabout at Galena and Cedarville Road
F. Approval of grant for HSIP for construction of safety improvements from the SS4A Safety Action Plan
G. HD 25-09 – Approval of bid cost of the guardrail project to Northern Contracting Inc.

PUBLIC COMMENT ~ *limited to 3 minutes per person*
EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) Employment Matters: The appointment, Employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

POSSIBLE ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Approval of Addendum to Employment Agreement with Nursing Home Administrator

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – RECIPIENT OF ILLINOIS SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP
ZONING REPORT

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APPOINTMENTS

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

ACTION ITEMS AND INFORMATION FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

- Approval of Sale of Surplus Property

Public Property & Safety

- Approval of Bid for Courthouse Cleaning Services

Administration ~ no additional action items

Court Services ~ no additional action items

Nursing Center ~ no additional action items

Planning & Development ~ no additional action items

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The Stephenson County Board met on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Chairman Helms called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Clerk called the roll. Members present: Ronnie Bush, Samuel Newton, Lou Ann Hayes, Todd McKenna, William Hadley, Dale Diddens, Lynette Williams, Adam Moderow, Larry Jogerst, Scott Helms, Jackie DeMeester, Nicole Baker, Steve Fricke, Brian Brandt, and Tim Whalen. Members absent: Brooke Deininger. Fifteen members were present. One member was absent. Mr. Jogerst opened the meeting with Prayer. Mr. Brandt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Brandt made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Mr. Diddens. The Chair called for a voice vote on the agenda. *Motion to approve the agenda carried unanimously.*

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Mr. Hadley requested to remove "C", "D", "E", "F", and "G" from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Moderow made a motion to approve "A" and "B" from the Consent Agenda. Second by Mr. Jogerst. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. *Motion to approve "A" and "B" from the Consent Agenda carried with nay vote noted by DeMeester.* Mr. Brandt made a motion to approve "C", "D", "E", "F", and "G" from the Consent Agenda. Second by Mr. Fricke. County Engineer Rasmussen explained that the agreements are to prepare the grant applications. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. *Motion to approve "C", "D", "E", "F", and "G" from the Consent Agenda carried with nay vote noted by DeMeester.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Rivers stated that 52 Solar Sites have been approved in Stephenson County. She asked the Board to review the Solar Ordinance before approving another. She asked: "Why so many"? She explained some of her concerns regarding the company next door to her which she declared violates multiple ordinances. Beth Henning said Harrison Street Personnel will not return her emails or phone calls. Karen stated that this has been going on for 2 years and the County Board needs to work with Beth so that she can work with the citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ~ *(5 ILCS 120/2 (c) Employment Matters: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.*

Mr. Newton made a motion to go into Executive Session. Second by Ms. Hayes. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to move into Executive Session carried unanimously.* The board convened for the Executive Session.

POSSIBLE ACTION OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Addendum to Employment Agreement with Nursing Home Administrator

Ms. Baker made a motion to approve the Addendum to Employment Agreement with the Nursing Home Administrator. Second by Mr. Whalen. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Addendum to Employment Agreement with the Nursing Home Administrator carried unanimously.*

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – RECIPIENT OF ILLINOIS SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Sheriff Stovall recognized Ryan Pieper of McConnell as the recipient of the 2025 Stephenson County, Illinois Sheriffs' Association Scholarship.

ZONING REPORT

Approval of Special Use Request by Sarah Goeke to construct and operate a storage unit facility in the Ag District located at 10532 W. Block Road, Pearl City, IL 61062

Director Beth Henning presented the Special Use Request. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommends this be approved. Mr. Diddens made a motion to approve the Special Use Request. Second by Mr. Brandt. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Special Use Request by Sarah Goeke to construct and operate a storage unit facility in the Ag District located at 10532 W. Block Road, Pearl City, IL 61062 carried unanimously.*

Approval of Special Use Request for Florence Twp Solar LLC to allow for a 3.75-Megawatt AC Solar Generating Plant in the Ag District located on 27 acres of a 71.24-acre parcel at Van Brocklin Road, Freeport, IL 61032

Director Beth Henning presented the Special Use Request and described the location as being at Van Brocklin and Pearl City Roads. One of 21 adjacent landowners objected. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommends this be approved with the stipulation that the entrance will be moved from Van Brocklin Road to Pearl City Road. Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the Special Use Request. Second by Mr. Newton. After Chairman Helms entertained discussion from Board members, he called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Bush, Newton, McKenna, Hadley, Diddens, Williams, Moderow, Helms, Baker, Fricke, and Brandt. Members voting nay: Hayes, Jogerst, DeMeester, and Whalen. Eleven aye. Four nay. *Motion to approve the Special Use Request for Florence Twp Solar LLC to allow for a 3.75-Megawatt AC Solar Generating Plant in the Ag District located on 27 acres of a 71.24-acre parcel at Van Brocklin Road, Freeport, IL 61032 carried.*

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- Shannon; reappointment of Adam Miller
- Orangeville; appointment of Mark Wells

Ms. Hayes made a motion to approve all the appointments. Second by Mr. Whalen. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the appointments carried unanimously.*

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT~ Chairman Helms reported the following:

- The reason a broker was not brought forward for the Sale of the Nursing Home, the oversight committee was asked to lay it over because there may be an opportunity to sell the home without the use of a broker, potentially saving the county $100,000 or more. The RFQ was approved, and it will be back before the board for consideration in June.

ACTION ITEMS AND INFORMATION FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance

Approval of Sale of Surplus Property

Mr. Whalen made a motion to approve the Sale of Surplus Property. Second by Mr. Brandt. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Sale of Surplus Property carried unanimously.*

Public Property & Safety

Approval of Bid for Courthouse Cleaning Services

Mr. Bush made a motion to approve the Bid for Courthouse Cleaning Services with the lowest bid with Crystal Image Cleaning in the amount of $2,800 monthly. Second by Mr. Jogerst. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Bid for Courthouse Cleaning Services carried unanimously*.

Administration ~ no additional action items

Court Services ~ no additional action items

Nursing Center ~ no additional action items

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HD 25-13 - Engineering Agreement for HSIP Action Plan implementation

Mr. Brandt made a motion to approve all 4 HSIP Engineering Agreements. Second by Mr. Jogerst. It was noted that the agreements are for the grants approved in the Consent Agenda. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the 4 Engineering Agreements for HSIP carried with nay vote noted by DeMeester.*

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Quote for Purchase of Mower for Facilities Maintenance

Mr. Jogerst made a motion to approve the Quote from Heid Repair for the Purchase of a Mower for Facilities Maintenance. Second by Mr. Whalen. Mr. Jogerst made a motion to amend the original motion to include that there must be a 36-month warranty. Second by Mr. Hadley. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the amendment. *Motion to approve the amendment to include that there must be a 36-month warranty carried with nay votes noted by Hayes and DeMeester.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion as amended.

Motion to approve the Quote from Heid Repair as amended for the Purchase of a Mower for Facilities Maintenance carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY JUNE 18, 2025

Ms. Hayes made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Diddens. Motion to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday June 18, 2025, carried at 7:20 P.M.

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