

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

State of IL)
)s.s.
County of Mason)

Proceedings of a meeting of the County Board of Mason County, a meeting begun and held at the Mason County Courthouse 125 N. Plum St., Havana, IL on Tuesday, September 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Kenneth Walker. Roll call was taken with the following members present: BRENDA DAVENPORT-FORNOFF, ELDON GARLISCH, SCOTT GARLISCH, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, BILL PARSLEY, ANDREA THOMSON and KENNETH WALKER.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the August Board minutes and Finance Committee minutes. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mac Swan spoke to the board about the coal ash pond on the east side of Route 78 by the closed power plant that is owned by Finch, Inc. He is very concerned about the coal ash pond being capped and not removed. He would like the board to pass a resolution requesting it be removed rather than capped.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

- 1. August report of County Clerk
- 2. August report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Edward Kirby-Mason-Menard Drainage District-exp. 09/05/2028
- 2. Gary Mueller-Farmers Drainage District-exp. 09/05/2028
- 3. Jay Frye-Hurd Lake Drainage District-exp. 09/05/2028
- 4. Jeffrey Clark-Saidora Drainage District-exp. 09/10/2027
- 5. Rick Lane-Saidora Drainage District-exp. 09/10/2028
- 6. Frank Hofreiter-Havana Drainage #2-exp 09/05/2028
- 7. Tim Urish-Bull’s Eye Drainage-exp 09/05/2028

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8. Daniel Houghton-Mason District Hospital Board-exp 09/30/2028
9. William Blessman-Mason District Hospital Board-exp 09/30/2028
10. Alan Tucker-Mason District Hospital Board-exp 09/30/2028

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2025-58 Tax Agent Deed-Rocky Bay, LLC-Parcel #02-31-304-013, #02-31-304-014 \$975.00
2. Resolution 2025-59 Tax Agent Deed-Rocky Bay, LLC-Parcel #05-10-312-001 \$875.00
3. Resolution 2025-60 Tax Agent Deed-PJ Properties USA LLC-Parcel #11-36-102-005 \$3,867.00
4. Resolution 2025-61 Tax Agent Deed-Philip & Elizabeth Willson-Parcel #20-07-221-003 \$10,025.00
5. Resolution 2025-62 Tax Agent Deed-A. Kraig Krause-Parcel #20-07-410-010 \$1,175.00
6. Resolution 2025-63 Tax Agent Deed-James D.D. Whitley-Parcel #02-24-102-011 \$1,150.00
7. Resolution 2025-64 Tax Agent Deed-Fontez Foree-Parcel #09-01-203-007 \$10,145.00
8. Resolution 2025-65 Tax Agent Deed-Mike Dennis-Parcel #04-36-404-007 \$3,111.00
9. Resolution 2025-66 Tax Agent Deed-Justified731 LLC-Parcel #04-36-410-001 \$3,131.31
10. Resolution 2025-67 Tax Agent Deed-Georgia Matthew-Parcel #05-10-312-007 \$838.00
11. Resolution 2025-68 Tax Agent Deed-Kevin Williams-Parcel #09-12-106-001 FKA 5-3522000 \$2,500.00
12. Resolution 2025-69 Tax Agent Deed-Justified731 LLC-Parcel #09-12-201-014 \$5,151.51
13. Resolution 2025-70 Tax Agent Deed-Day One Realty Solutions LLC-Parcel #11-36-106-003 \$13,336.00
14. Resolution 2025-71 Tax Agent Deed-Christ McCray Ttee-Parcel #20-07-229-018 \$5,000.00
15. Resolution 2025-72 Tax Agent Deed-High Point LLC-Parcel #02-24-102-009 \$1,983.00
16. Resolution 2025-73 Tax Agent Deed-High Point LLC-Parcel #03-21-203-003 \$1,651.00
17. Resolution 2025-74 Tax Agent Deed-High Point LLC-Parcel #07-06-202-021 \$1,495.00
18. Resolution 2025-75 Tax Agent Deed-High Point LLC-Parcel #09-01-242-002 \$1,675.00
19. Resolution 2025-76 Tax Agent Deed-High Point LLC-Parcel #09-01-429-005 \$1,817.00
20. Resolution 2025-77 Tax Agent Deed-Vasile Ghertan-Parcel #17-28-326-001 \$4,086.00
21. Resolution 2025-78 Tax Agent Deed-High Point LLC-Parcel #17-28-328-003 \$1,676.00
22. Resolution 2025-79 Tax Agent Deed-Sarah Wade Dancey-Parcel #02-24-103-018 \$3,015.99
23. Resolution 2025-80 Tax Agent Deed-Vincent Kolves-Parcel #06-30-226-004 \$2,501.00

24. Resolution 2025-81 Tax Agent Deed-Cole Bernhardt-Parcel #01-36-408-021
\$838.00

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

(see board file for matters pertaining to the consent agenda)

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

E. Garlisch reported for License/Animal Control Committee that there will be a new Code Enforcement Officer starting on Monday, September 15, 2025.

Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Health Department has flu shots available. They also have RSV, Pneumonia, Tetanus and Shingles shots available by appointment only. The Sheriff will have training in Decatur. They will be getting new pistols and are now using the license plates reader. Another grain bin training will be held soon.

Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that a meeting was held on Friday, September 5, 2025, to discuss the County Engineer's salary.

Thomson reported for the Planning Committee that a meeting was held today at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the Farm Bureau Building and department head requests.

County Engineer Nick Peplow reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the Crane Creek bridge is closed for repairs and should be open by the end of the month.

Brown reported for her office that the budget is ongoing, the FOP negotiations have been finalized, and they are preparing for the next election.

RESOLUTION 2025-54 ESTABLISHING CLOSING DAYS FOR COURTHOUSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

The board then considered Resolution 2025-54 Establishing Closing Days for Courthouse for Fiscal Year 2026. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-54. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-55 ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

The board then considered Resolution 2025-55 Establishing Regular Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2026. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-55. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-56 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BATH AND MASON COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The board then considered Resolution 2025-56 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Bath and Mason County for Animal Control Services. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-56. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-57 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF KILBOURNE AND MASON COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The board then considered Resolution 2025-57 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Kilbourne and Mason County for Animal Control Services. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-57. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-82 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF EASTON AND MASON COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The board then considered Resolution 2025-82 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Easton and Mason County for Animal Control Services. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-82. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-83 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 AS "NATIONAL SEE TRACKS? THINK TRAIN WEEK"

The board then considered Resolution 2025-83 Proclaiming September 15 through September 21, 2025 as "National See Tracks? Think Train Week" (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-83. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2025-84 APPROVING PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FOREST CITY TOWNSHIP ON SECTION 25-04118-00-BR

The board then considered Resolution 2025-84 Approving Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Forest City Township on Section 25-04118-00-BR. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-84. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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The following motion was then made concerning a list of claims paid in vacation presented to the board for review and approval:

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the list of claims. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was recessed at 9:15 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason County Courthouse.

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.