

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

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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, December 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Acting Chairman Dorothy Kreiling. Roll call was taken with the following members present: BRENDA DAVENPORT-FORNOFF, ELDON GARLISCH, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING and ANDREA THOMSON. Kenneth Walker and Scott Garlisch being absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:    E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:    E. Garlisch made a motion to approve the November Board minutes. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Waterworth introduced Debra Walters from the West Central Mass Transit District to answer any questions the board may have about the Transit Program resolutions on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

- 1.    November report of County Clerk
- 2.    November report of Treasurer
- 3.    Semiannual report of Sheriff

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1.    Camryn Gann-Mason County Housing Board-exp 6/1/2028

RESOLUTIONS:

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

MOTION: Knollenberg 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 we will have Liquor License Resolutions to approve later in the meeting.

Thomson reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Health Department has RSV and pneumonia vaccines available by appointment only and flu and COVID vaccines are still available. Cameron Gann & Richard Crum attended mass casualty tabletop training at MDH.

Thomson reported for the Planning Committee that the county submitted a new five-year municipal waste management plan. The committee reviewed the floor plan for the Farm Bureau Building which will become the Mason County Administration Building and house the non-court related services offices. Thomson also noted that the committee discussed the coal ash ponds and the ongoing concerns residents have about the ponds being capped rather than removing them. The committee also discussed the transit program and thought it was a good idea to join with West Central Mass Transit District.

Brown reported that her office is busy getting ready for the primary election in March. Her office is also gathering and checking levies to prepare for tax extension.

#### RESOLUTION 2026-1 APPOINTMENT TO OFFICE OF DISTRICT 2 COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

The board then considered Resolution 2026-1 Appointment to Office of District 2 County Board Member. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-1. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2026-2 APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HIALEAH CLUB, INC

The board then considered Resolution 2026-2 Approving Liquor License for Hialeah Club, Inc. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2. Seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2026-3 APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BARNER'S BUTCHER BLOCK, LLC

The board then considered Resolution 2026-3 Approving Liquor License for Barner's Butcher Block, LLC. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-3. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 2026-4 APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GM&B GROUP LLC, DBA THE PADDLEWHEEL BOWL

The board then considered Resolution 2026-4 Approving Liquor License for GM&B Group LLC, DBA the Paddlewheel Bowl. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-4. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-5 APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ONE MORE, INC.

The board then considered Resolution 2026-5 Approving Liquor License for GM&B Group LLC, DBA the Paddlewheel Bowl. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-5. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-6 APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FOUR WILLOWS GOLF

The board then considered Resolution 2026-6 Approving Liquor License for Four Willows Golf (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-6 Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-7 APPROVAL OF A VOTE OF SUPPORT FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION COMMUNITY GRANT PROCESS

The board then considered Resolution 2026-7 Approving a Vote of Support for the Energy Transition Community Grant Process. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-7. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-8 RESOLUTION OF DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF TREASURER

The board then considered Resolution 2026-8 Declaring a Vacancy in Office of Treasurer (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-8. Seconded by Thomson. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-9 RESOLUTION FOR APPRECIATION FOR RETIRING TREASURER CARI B MEEKER

The board then considered Resolution 2026-9 for Appreciation for Retiring Treasurer Cari B Meeker. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-9. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-10 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAVANA AND MASON COUNTY FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

The board then considered Resolution 2026-10 Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Havana and Mason County for Animal Control Services. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-10. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-11 APPROVING FIVE YEAR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

The board then considered Resolution 2026-11 Approving Five Year Solid Waste Management Plan Update. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-11. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-12 APPROVING A THREE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FOP

The board then considered Resolution 2026-12 Approving a Three-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the FOP. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Davenport-Fornoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-12. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-13 APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR HAWK 2 SOLAR, LLC TO CONDUCT A 3.5 MEGAWATT SOLAR ENERGY AND STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED IN HAVANA TOWNSHIP ON PARCEL NUMBER 10-05-200-003

The board then considered Resolution 2026-13 Approving a Special Use Permit for Hawk 2 Solar, LLC to Conduct a 3.5 Megawatt Solar Energy and Storage Facility Located in Havana Township on Parcel Number 10-05-200-003. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-13 with conditions. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-14 APPROVAL OF ZONING VARIANCE FOR MARY JANE HUSTON TO PLACE AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE WITHOUT A PRIMARY STRUCTURE ON PROPERTY ZONED R-2 LOCATED IN HAVANA TOWNSHIP ON PARCEL NUMBER 09-22-400-013

The board then considered Resolution 2026-14 Approving a Zoning Variance for Mary Jane Huston to Place an Accessory Structure without a Primary Structure on Property Zoned R-2 Located in Havana Township on Parcel Number 09-22-400-013. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-14.  
Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-15 APPROVAL OF ZONING VARIANCE FOR BENJAMIN SHOWALTER TO PLACE A RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY ZONED AGRICULTURE WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF TWO EXISTING SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS LOCATED IN SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ON PARCEL NUMBER 11-18-100-002

The board then considered Resolution 2026-15 Approving a Zoning Variance for Benjamin Showalter to Place a Residence on Property Zoned Agriculture within 1,000 Feet of Two Existing Single-Family Dwellings Located in Sherman Township on Parcel Number 11-18-100-002. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-15.  
Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-16 APPOINTMENT OF HEATHER WILCOXEN TO OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER

The board then considered Resolution 2026-16 Appointing Heather Wilcoxen to Office of County Treasurer. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-16.  
Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-17 APPROVING A SEPARATION FROM LOGAN COUNTY FOR TRANSIT FUNDS

The board then considered Resolution 2026-17 Approving a Separation from Logan County for Transit Funds. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-17.  
Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-18 ESTABLISHING MASON COUNTY AS PART OF WEST CENTRAL MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

The board then considered Resolution 2026-18 Establishing Mason County as Part of West Central Mass Transit District. (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-18.  
Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

December 2025 Meeting of the County Board

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

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason County Courthouse.

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.