

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, February 10, 2026. 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, ADAM SARNES, ANDREA THOMSON and KENNETH WALKER.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Strauman spoke to the board in opposition to Resolution 2026-29  
Attorney Seth Uphoff spoke to the board in favor of Resolution 2026-29. Uphoff gave a timeline of what has happened up to today.  
Frank McCarthy, the owner of the property in question on Resolution 2026-29 letting the board know that he was in favor of Resolution 2026-29.  
Jacob Janssen from Snedeker Risk Management spoke to the board about our new Hope Trust insurance letting them know that all is going well.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1.     Wayne Dixon-Mason City Fire Protection District-exp 05/01/2027
- 2.     Don Gaydosh-Mason City Fire Protection District-exp 05/01/2028

RESOLUTIONS:

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Gabriel Baker reported for Zoning that there will be three resolutions later in the meeting.

Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the Health Department has flu shots available. Mason District Hospital is going through their five-year review. Grain bin training will continue.

Thomson reported for the Planning Committee that a meeting was held at 8:00 a.m. this morning. She advised everyone that they discussed the Ameresco plan for the Farm Bureau building and that it was decided that additional planning is needed. We discussed the concerns our State's Attorney has with his office moving to the courthouse. The Alco building was discussed, and everyone agreed that we do not want to be involved with that project as we have our own building plans to work on now. We also discussed the five-year Waste Management plan and decided that we should reach out to Bill Blessman to see if he could share any information he may have on that plan.

RESOLUTION 2026-25 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER IN THE ILLINOIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MUTUAL AID SYSTEM RESPONSE PURSUANT TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MUTUAL AID INTERGOVERNMENTAL AL SERVICE AGREEMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2026-25 Authorizing Participation as a Member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System Response Pursuant to an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Establishment of a Mutual Aid Intergovernmental AL Service Agreement. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-25. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-26 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

The board then considered Resolution 2026-26 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-26. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-27 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNTY ENGINEER

The board then considered Resolution 2026-27 Appointing County Engineer.

(see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-27  
Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-28 RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE  
PAYMENT OF THE COUNTY ENGINEER'S SALARY

The board then considered Resolution 2026-28 Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-28.  
Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-29 REGARDING THE MAP AMENDMENT OF MCCARTHY  
SOLAR 1, LLC TO REZONE PARCEL ID #09-14-200-020 FROM "R-1 SINGLE-  
FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT" TO "A-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT"

The board then considered Resolution 2026-29 Regarding the Map Amendment of McCarthy Solar 1, LLC to Rezone Parcel ID #09-14-200-020 from "R-1 Single-Family Residential District" to "A-Agricultural District" (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to hold a roll call vote on Resolution 2026-29. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried. Resolution 2026-29 was denied by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-30 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR  
CHARLENE DAVIS FOR GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAY ON PARCEL  
NUMBER 17-28-310-001

The board then considered Resolution 2026-30 for an Application for a Special Use Permit for Charlene Davis for Ground-Mounted Solar Array on Parcel Number 17-28-310-001 (see file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-30.  
Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-31 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE FROM  
CHARLENE DAVIS ON PARCEL NUMBER 17-28-310-001

The board then considered Resolution 2026-31 for an Application for a Variance from Charlene Davis on Parcel Number 17-28-310-001 (see file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-31.  
Seconded by Sarnes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following motion was then made concerning a list of claims paid in vacation

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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 adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason County Courthouse.

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