

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

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  )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, March 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 Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve the February Board minutes, Finance minutes, Planning-Agri minutes and Closed Session minutes. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Allen from the University of Illinois Extension Office distributed their annual reports to the board members and announced his retirement in April. He thanked the board for everything they had done for them.

Eli Varol from RWE Clean Energy, LLC spoke to the board about some upcoming projects. A large commercial solar farm will be in Tazewell County alongside the Mason County Border. A 45 MW BESS (battery storage system) will be in Mason County if approved.

Margo Procarione asked the board to please consider two extra parking spaces designated for attorneys.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Tammy Martin-Mason County Zoning Board of Appeals-exp 07/01/2027

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2026-35 Tax Agent Deed-Eric Zimmerman-Parcel #05-10-307-017 \$838.00

**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 he submitted a six-month summary report of what his office has done.

E. Garlisch reported for the License & Animal Control Committee that Community Action in Lincoln is holding a GloBingo Fundraiser at the VFW in Havana on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thomson reported for the Planning Committee that a meeting was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Ameresco plans for the Farm Bureau building and another meeting was held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with Lucas Harris from Ameresco to discuss what needs to be done in the County Clerk's office to make it work for the State's Attorney office.

County Clerk Brown reported that her office is very busy with the election, election judge training and the tax extension.

RESOLUTION 2026-32 AUTHORIZING THE RECORDER'S FRAUD REFERRAL AND REVIEW PROCESS AND ESTABLISHING FINES FOR THE UNLAWFUL CLOUDING OF TITLE

The board then considered Resolution 2026-32 Authorizing the Recorder's Fraud Referral and Review Process and Establishing Fines for the Unlawful Clouding of Title. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-32. Seconded by E. Garlisch. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-33 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER 2026

The board then considered Resolution 2026-33 Establishing Salaries for County Officers to be Elected in November 2026. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-33. Seconded by S. Garlisch. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-34 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE MASON COUNTY SHERIFF

The board then considered Resolution 2026-34 Establishing the Salary for the Mason County Sheriff. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: S. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-34  
Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-36 AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF TEHERAN COMMUNICATION TOWER FROM COUNTY OF MASON TO MASON COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BOARD

The board then considered Resolution 2026-36 Authorizing the Transfer of Ownership of the Teheran Communication Tower from County of Mason to Mason County Emergency Telephone Systems Board. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-36. Seconded by Sarnes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-37 APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM JEREMY EAKLE AND MADISON HITCHCOCK TO PLACE A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1,000) FEET OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING ON PARCEL NUMBER 05-34-200-006

The board then considered Resolution 2026-37 for Approval of a Variance from Jeremy Eakle and Madison Hitchcock to Place a Single-Family Dwelling within One Thousand (1,000) Feet of a Single-Family Dwelling on Parcel Number 05-34-200-006. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-37. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-38 APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM ALISHA NELSON TO PLACE A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1,000) FEET OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING ON PARCEL NUMBER 23-16-100-007

The board then considered Resolution 2026-38 for Approval of a Variance from Alisha Nelson to Place a Single-Family Dwelling within One Thousand (1,000) Feet of a Single-Family Dwelling on Parcel Number 23-16-100-007 (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-38. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-39 APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM KYLE HAJEK TO DEVIATE FROM THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL FENCES TO BE UNIFORM IN MATERIAL AND COLOR AND TO DEVIATE FROM THE STANDARD SETBACK OF 50 FEET TO APPROXIMATELY 37 FEET, FOR THE FENCING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY ON PARCEL NUMBER 09-12-100-013

The board then considered Resolution 2026-39 for Approval of a Variance from Kyle Hajek to Deviate from the Ordinance Requiring all Fences to be Uniform in Material and Color and to Deviate from the Standard Setback of 50 Feet to Approximately 37 Feet, for the Fencing on the North Side of the Property on Parcel Number 09-12-100-013 (see file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-39 with the condition that the pole barn siding on top of the concrete barriers must be in good condition and uniform in color to best match the concrete barriers. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-40 AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY BY VOTE FOR NICHOLAS PELOW TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. ON BEHALF OF THE MASON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2026-40 Authorizing Certificate of Authority by Vote for Nicholas Peelow to Enter into Contracts, Agreements, etc. on Behalf of the Mason County Highway Department. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: E. Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-40 Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried by a 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:

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 9:24 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason County Courthouse.

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