

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, April 14, 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, SCOTT GARLISCH, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, ADAM SARNES, ANDREA THOMSON and KENNETH WALKER.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve the March Board minutes.
 Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert and Denise Roese spoke to the board about Resolutions 2026-43 and 2026-44. They are opposed to both SUP applications and expressed their concerns to the board.

Austin Bushur from New Leaf Energy addressed the concerns of Robert and Denise Roese and assured them that they will do their due diligence.

Gary Bauer spoke to the board advising them that it is his property for which the resolutions pertain to. Bauer explained that these turbines will benefit the community and he is happy to help with that.

Alex Rives with Heyl Royster’s office, who represents the county, spoke to the board advising them that if the developer has met all state guidelines there is really nothing they can do.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Mark Hackman-Havana Rural Fire Protection District-exp 05/01/2029
- 2. Logan Frye-Imperial Water Authority-exp 12/01/2027

RESOLUTIONS:

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kreiling reported for Emergency Services Committee that the fire departments and police departments are working together to have the entire county on one channel so that all departments can hear each other.

County Clerk Brown reported that there will be a fish fry at the highway department garage in Tehran on April 24th at 11:30 in honor of Darryl Holmes as he is retiring from the highway department.

RESOLUTION 2026-41 DECLARATION OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT 1

The board then considered Resolution 2026-41 Declaring a Vacancy in Office of County Board Member District 1 (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-41. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-42 RESOLUTION OF RESPECT FOR ELDON H. GARLISCH

The board then considered Resolution 2026-42 Resolution of Respect for Eldon H. Garlisch. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-42. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-43 APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TOPEKA WIND 1, LLC FOR WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM ON PARCEL NUMBER 06-20-400-001

The board then considered Resolution 2026-43 for Approval of an Application for a Special Use Permit for Topeka Wind 1, LLC for Wind Energy Conversion System on Parcel Number 06-20-400-001. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-43. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-44 APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR TOPEKA WIND 2, LLC FOR WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM ON PARCEL NUMBER 06-21-300-001

The board then considered Resolution 2026-44 for Approval of an Application for a Special Use Permit for Topeka Wind 2, LLC for Wind Energy Conversion System on

Parcel Number 06-21-300-001. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Davenport-Fornoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-44. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

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

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason County Courthouse.

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