

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, June 9, 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: KIMI BENDER, BRENDA DAVENPORT-FORNOFF, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, DOROTHY KREILING, ADAM SARNES, ANDREA THOMSON and KENNETH WALKER. Scott Garlisch being absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve the May Board minutes and Finance Committee minutes. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES – PUBLIC COMMENT

Shania Davis from RWE updated the board on the battery storage project near San Jose. They held an open house in San Jose on April 16, 2026. They hope to have their application submitted this month. They have been working on the emergency safety response plan. They are providing free tickets to the Arlee Theatre every Friday.

Steve Waterworth updated the board on West Central Transit. They will be taking over Show Bus on July 1, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

1. May report of County Clerk
2. May report of Treasurer
3. Semi-Annual report of Sheriff

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

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 Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Knollenberg reported for the Finance Committee that the budget is ongoing.

Thomson reported for the Planning committee that an email was sent out with the recent plans for the new state's attorney office.

RESOLUTION 2026-47 APPROVING JUDGES OF ELECTION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM

The board then considered Resolution 2026-47 Approving Judges of Election for a Two-Year Term (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-47. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-48 APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM NEUMILLER-SPROULE, LLC TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED SETBACK FROM 100 FEET TO 52 FEET FOR PLACEMENT OF A 31.32 KW (DC) SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

The board then considered Resolution 2026-48 Approving an Application for Variance from Neumiller-Sproule, LLC to Reduce the Required Setback from 100 Feet to 52 Feet for Placement of a 31.32 kW (DC) Solar Energy System. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-48. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-49 APPROVAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HIALEAH CLUB, INC

The board then considered Resolution 2026-49 Approving a Liquor License for Hialeah Club (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Davenport-Fornoff made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-49. Seconded by Thomson. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2026-50 APPROVAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR BARNER'S BUTCHER BLOCK, LLC

The board then considered Resolution 2026-50 Approving a Liquor License for Barner's Butcher Block, LLC (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-50. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2026-51 APPROVAL OF A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ONE MORE, INC

The board then considered Resolution 2026-51 Approving a Liquor License for One More, Inc (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-51. Seconded by Sarnes. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2026-52 APPROVAL FOR A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED CONSTRUCTION OF MANITO BLACKTOP/CH 13 AND MANITO BLACKTOP/CH 4

The board then considered Resolution 2026-52 Approving a Joint Funding Agreement for Federally Funded Construction of Manito Blacktop/CH 13 and Manito Blacktop/CH 4 (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-52. Seconded by Davenport-Fornoff. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2026-53 APPROVING PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE MASON COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE REGARDING BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)

The board then considered Resolution 2026-53 Approving Proposed Text Amendments to the Mason County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)

MOTION: Knollenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-53. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 2026-54 ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE FOR CONTROL OF OPEN BURNING IN MASON COUNTY

The board then considered Resolution 2026-54 Adopting the Ordinance for Control of Open Burning in Mason County (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-54. Seconded by Sarnes. 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 Kreiling. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

June 2026 Meeting of the County Board

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Mason County Courthouse.

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