

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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)s.s.
County of Mason)

Proceedings of a meeting of the County Board Finance Committee of Mason County, a meeting begun and held at the Mason County Courthouse located at 125 N. Plum St., Havana, IL on Friday, August 28, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by committee chairman Ronald Knollenberg.

The following committee members were present: KIMI BENDER, DOROTHY KREILING, RONALD KNOLLENBERG and ADAM SARNES. Also present at the meeting were the following: County Clerk Summer Brown, Chief Deputy Clerk Lori Wickman and County Board Chairman Ken Walker. Also present at the meeting were Board Member Brenda Davenport-Fornoff, County Treasurer Heather Wilcoxon and County Assessor Michelle Smith.

Wilcoxon explained the changes to Illinois Property Tax Sales and Tax Deed Proceedings based on Public Act 104-0553. The changes will cause extra work for the Treasurer's office and the Sheriff. The committee needs to decide whether they want the Mason County Trustee to receive all parcels at the annual tax sale in October or if they want to continue to allow private Tax Buyers to bid on parcels at the sale. Whitney from the Trustee's office will be here on September 9th to answer questions. The committee decided to wait for more information before deciding.

Smith spoke to the board about an Edge CAMA Software available through our vendor Devnet. This program will automatically update assessed values based on information entered. The cost of the program is \$62,710.00 over a five-year contract. Smith also spoke to the board about hiring a third person in her office. Smith advised that if she had to pick between the program or a new hire that she would prefer the new hire. The committee wanted time to consider the options.

Attorney Andy Keyt updated the committee on the Coyote Road Battery Storage Project. The project was recommended for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Keyt advised the committee that it was a small project and that they will post 100% of the decommission cost. Keyt also updated the committee on the Blue Heron Solar project. Blue Heron Solar was not prepared at the ZBA hearing. If they have everything ready and come to an agreement on the decommissioning plan by the board meeting in September, the board should be able to move forward with a decision at the meeting.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. Notices will be sent out for the next committee meeting.

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