

In-Place Executive Committee

James Carius Community Room Wednesday, June 25, 2025 *During County Board Meeting*

- I. Roll Call
- II. New Business
- E-25-56 A. Recommend to approve Emergency Declaration for IVRS Grant Purchase
 - III. Recess
 - Members: Chairman Brett Grimm, Vice Chairman Michael Harris, Russ Crawford, Jay Hall, Kim Joesting, Greg Menold, Dave Mingus, Nancy Proehl, Greg Sinn, Max Schneider, Eric Stahl

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Tazewell County Board:

Your Executive Committee has considered the following RESOLUTION and recommends that it be adopted by the Board:

<u>RESOLUTION</u>

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board has been requested to deem the purchase of updated voter registration technology as not conducive to bidding as it is a sole source purchase. The upgraded voter registration technology must come from the County's current technology provider, Liberty Systems, for compatibility purposes; and

WHEREAS, the emergency need is the ability of the County to receive grant funds to cover a portion or whole cost of this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office became aware of the opportunity to receive additional IVRS (Illinois Voter Registration System) grant funds days before the June 20, 2025 deadline to submit the required proof of expenditure to claim these grant funds. The IVRS grant funds are awarded only after the expenditure has been made resulting in the need to make the purchase prior to June 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this does not leave adequate time to request the exemption from the formal bidding requirement from the Board prior to June 20, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the County's Executive Committee recommends to the County Board to approve the emergency declaration under § 33.13 Miscellaneous Provisions of the Tazewell County Code.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approve this recommendation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notifies the County Board Office, the Finance Office, and the Auditor of this action.

PASSED THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

ATTEST:

Tazewell County Board



Brett Grimm, Chairman of the Board Mike Deluhery, County Administrator

June 18, 2025

Mr. John Ackerman Tazewell County Clerk via hand delivery

Dear John:

I wish to declare an emergency under § 33.13 Miscellaneous Provisions of the Tazewell County Code to authorize the County Clerk to proceed with the purchase of updated voter registration technology including electronic pollbooks and required printer as well as the costs of data conversion, installation, and user training on the upgraded system.

The emergency need is the ability of the County to receive grant funds to cover a portion or even the entire cost of this upgrade. The County Clerk's Office became aware of the opportunity to receive additional IVRS (Illinois Voter Registration System) grant funds late last week with only days left to submit the required proof of expenditure to claim these funds prior to the June 20, 2025 deadline. The IVRS grant funds are awarded after the expenditure has been made resulting in the need to make the purchase prior to June 20. This does not leave adequate time to get the request for an exemption from the formal bidding requirement to the Board. This purchase is deemed not conducive to bidding as the provider of the upgraded voter registration technology must come from our current technology provider, Liberty Systems, for compatibility purposes. This is a sole source purchase – only one vendor can provide the required upgrade.

Per the requirement in § 33.13, the Board will consider a resolution approving this action at the June 25, 2025 meeting.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brett Grimm County Board Chairman

copy to: County Board Members Bill Funkhouser, Auditor Mike Deluhery, County Administrator