

Chairman Brett Grimm  
Kim D. Joesting, Dist. 1  
Nancy Proehl, Dist. 1  
Mark Goddard, Dist. 1  
Kaden Nelms, Dist. 1  
Nick Graff, Dist. 2  
Greg Menold, Dist. 2  
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2  
Eric Schmidgall, Dist. 3  
Dave Mingus, Dist. 3  
Tammy Rich-Stimson, Dist. 3



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County Clerk

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Jay Hall, Dist. 1  
Deene Milam, Dist. 1  
Joe Woodrow, Dist. 1  
Jon Hopkins, Dist. 2  
Maxwell Schneider, Dist. 2  
Cathryn Stump, Dist. 2  
Eric Stahl, Dist. 2  
Russ Crawford, Dist. 3  
Aaron Phillips, Dist. 3  
Greg Longfellow, Dist. 3

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28, 2026  
6:00 PM**

**James Carius Community Room, Tazewell Law & Justice Center,  
101 S. Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554**

**ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK**

Attendance was taken by Roll Call, and the following members of the board were present: Chairman Grimm, Members Crawford, Goddard, Graff, Hopkins, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Milam, Mingus, Nelms, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall, Schneider, Sinn, Stahl – 17. Absent: Member Hall, Harris, Phillips, Stump, Woodrow–5.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS**

No communication for the board.

**PRESENTATION: MIKE HOLLY & JACKIE WORKMAN REGARDING PROPOSED  
DATA CENTER IN TAZEWELL COUNTY**

Assistant States Attorney Mike Holly and Community Development Director Jackie Workman presented information to the public pertaining to the Illinois State Statute in reference to municipalities and zoning matters.

**PRESENTATION: MICHAEL BROOKS FROM PEORIA VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE  
COMMISSION**

Michael Brooks, Peoria County Veterans Assistance Commission Director, spoke on the variety of essential services provided for benefits within the VA for Veterans and their families. He stated the services provided were as follows: Emergency Financial

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Assistance, VA Disability Claims, Deceased Veterans Services and Record assistance. Mr. Brooks indicated that over 7,474 Veterans live in Tazewell County and many of those veterans reach out to his department for assistance. He stated during 2025 over \$36.5 million dollars was brought into Tazewell County. Mr. Brooks said his office handles over 474 Veterans a month and a total of over 5,669 during 2025. Peoria County Veterans Assistance has 11 staff members to assist the Veterans. Mr. Brooks indicated his office was willing to assist the Tazewell County Veterans' Assistance during this transition period of a new director.

### **COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND/OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Matthew Johnson, a Tazewell County resident, voiced his concern over a proposed Data Center in Pekin.

Shannon Saal, Pekin Township Supervisor and Interim Director Tazewell County Veterans Assistance Commission, stated she would start her position next week and was looking forward to working with Mr. Brooks from Peoria County. She explained she will hold this position for 60 days, then a new director will be chosen. She stated the need to assist the Veterans to the full compacity of the state statue.

Michael Ragan, 22 Veteran Artist spokesperson, voiced the need for better services to the Veterans of Tazewell County. He spoke about his organization 22 Veteran Artist and Veteran Suicide Awareness.

### **APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17,2025, COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDING**

Member Nelms moved to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025; County Board Proceedings as printed; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

### **IN-PLACE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting started at 6:55 PM.

Transportation Committee meeting ended at 6:59 PM.

### **IN-PLACE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting started at 6:59 PM.

Finance Committee Meeting ended at 7:00 PM.

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## **IN-PLACE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting started at 7:00 PM.

Human Resources Committee Meeting ended at 7:06 PM.

## **IN-PLACE RISK COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting started at 7:06 PM.

Risk Committee entered Executive Session at 7:06 and returned to open session at 7:10 PM.

Risk Committee Meeting ended at 7:11 PM.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Health Services: Approve agreement with the City of Pekin for Animal Control Services, Resolution HS-26-01.**

**Health Services: Approve agreement with the Village of South Pekin for Animal Control Services, Resolution HS-26-02.**

**Health Services: Approve agreement with the Village of North Pekin for Animal Control Services, Resolution HS-26-03.**

**Health Services: Approve agreement with the Village of Creve Coeur for Animal Control Services, Resolution HS-26-04.**

**Health Services: Approve agreement with the Village of Mackinaw for Animal Control Services, Resolution HS-26-05.**

**Health Services: Approve agreement with the Village of Deer Creek for Animal Control Services, Resolution HS-26-06.**

**Transportation: Approve Resolution for Tandem Axle Trucks, Resolution T-26-01. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.**

**Transportation: Approve Resolution – 25-00026-08-DR-Tobaggan Ave. Wingwall Reconstruction, Resolution T-26-02. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.**

**Transportation: Approve Resolution – 21-00000-00-SP-LPA Eng. Services Agreement, Resolution T-26-03. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.**

**Property: Approve the replacement of the McKenzie Building boiler, Resolution P-26-01.**

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**Finance: Approve FY25 Budget Transfers – General Fund, Resolution F-26-01.**

**Finance: Approve FY25 Budget Transfers – Special Revenue Fund, Resolution F-26-02.**

**Finance: Approve recommendation to decline Property Tax Recapture, Resolution F-26-03.**

**Finance: Approve FY25 Budget Transfer for Building Administration, Resolution F-26-04.**

**Finance: Approve FY25 Budget transfers for Health Department, Resolution F-26-05.**

**Finance: Approve FY25 Budget transfers for Health Department, Resolution F-26-06. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.**

**Human Resources: Approve FY25 Employee Service Recognitions, Resolution F-26-02.**

**Human Resources: Approve changes to County's Extended Leave Policy, Resolution HR-26-01. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.**

**Risk: Approve settlement agreement, wavier and release of all claims, Resolution RM-26-01. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.**

**Executive: Approve resignation of District 3 Board Member, Resolution E-26-01.**

**Executive: Approve agreement with Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, Resolution E-26-02.**

**Executive: Approve 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2026 payment to Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, Resolution E-26-03.**

Member Schneider moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the agenda packet; seconded by Member Hopkins. The Consent Agenda was approved by roll call vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

### **Item 7 Transportation:**

Member Milan moved to approve the purchase of Tandem Axle Trucks; seconded by Member Proehl. Motion was passed by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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## **Item 8 Transportation:**

Member Sinn asked County Engineer Parr for the location on Toboggan Ave.

Member Nelms moved to approve the Resolution -25-00026-08-DR-Tobaggan Ave Wingwall Reconstruction; seconded by Member Schmidgall. Motion was passed by voice vote of 16 Yeas, 0 Nays.

## **Item 9 Transportation:**

Member Hopkins moved to approve the Resolution – 21-00000-00-SP – LPA Eng. Service Agreement; seconded by Member Graff. Motion was passed by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

## **Item 16 Finance:**

Member Mingus moved to approve FY25 budget transfers for Health Department; seconded by Member Sinn. Motion was passed by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

## **Item 18 Human Resources:**

Member Schneider moved to approve change to the County's Extended Leave Policy; seconded by Member Schmidgall. Motion was passed by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

## **Item 19 Risk Management:**

Member Menold moved to approve settlement agreement, waiver and release of all claims; seconded by Member Stahl. Motion was passed by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

## **APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

Member Schneider moved to reappoint Nicole Jones as Supervisor of Assessments; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-26-04 was approved by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Schneider moved to reappoint Greg Sinn to the Tazewell County Extension Board; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-26-05 was approved by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention – Sinn.

Member Schneider moved to reappoint Joe Woodrow to the Tazewell County Extension Board; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-26-06 was approved by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was determined the board had no unfinished business at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

It was determined the board had no new business at this time.

## **REVIEW OF APPROVED BILLS**

Board members have been sent the approved bills.

## **APPROVE FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR**

Member Milan moved to approve the February 2026 calendar; seconded by Member Proehl. Motion to approve the February 2026 calendar was approved by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 0 Nays.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Grimm announced the meeting adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be on February 25, 2026.