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Mark Goddard, Dist. 1
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Greg Menold, Dist. 2
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2
Eric Schmidgall, Dist. 3
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Deene Milam, Dist. 1
Joe Woodrow, Dist. 1
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Cathryn Stump, Dist. 2
Eric Stahl, Dist. 2
Russ Crawford, Dist. 3
Vacant Position – Dist. 3
Greg Longfellow, Dist. 3

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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: Russ Crawford, Nick Graff, Mike Harris, Jon Hopkins, Kim Joesting, Greg Longfellow, Greg Menold, Deene Milam, Kaden Nelms, Nancy Proehl, Tammy Rich-Stimson, Greg Sinn, Eric Stahl, Cathryn Stump – 15. Members absent: Mark Goddard, Jay Hall, David Mingus, Eric Schmidgall, Max Schneider, and Joe Woodrow – 6.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Grimm led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND/OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Elton Roake with "Citizens against the Data Center" spoke about the number of groups working to stop the Data Center and he asked the county to consider creating ordinances that would affect the implementation of Data Centers.

PRESENTATION:

Chris Setti from the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council spoke about our investment in the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council and the new businesses that are investing in Tazewell County. Epic Medical has made a 25 million investment that includes a 60-acre development to open a Medical Device Factory that makes IV bags. He also spoke about a business from Eureka, Custom cranes that is expanding in Morton with a 4.5 million investment and will create 24 new jobs.

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Chris covered Career Spark that was held at the Peoria Civic Center that is a hands-on event for students. He indicated 1374 students from Tazewell County participated.

The rural development broadband project "BEAD: has created 44 new connections within Tazewell county's rural communities.

PRESENTATION: Earl Allen from the University of Illinois Extension presented to the board that he will be retiring in April 2026 after 20 years of commitment to the Extension, He thanked the board for the support they have provided to the University of Illinois Extension and their continued service to the community.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

Nancy Proehl shared the County News publication and recommended the article "Hot Topics" for county board members to read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

Consideration of a Motion for the Tazewell County Board to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(29), Meeting between Internal and external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America.

Member Nelms moved to enter Executive Session; seconded by Member Harris. Motion passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays. Tazewell County Board entered Executive Session at 6:30 PM.

Executive Committee Meeting ended at 7:33 PM.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2026, COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Member Crawford moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2026, County Board proceedings as printed; seconded by Member Harris. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 14 Yeas: 0 Nays.

IN-PLACE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Started at 7:35 PM

Property Committee Meeting ended at 7:39 PM

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CONSENT AGENDA

Health Services: Approve Annual recycling payment to East Peoria for curbside recycling, Resolution HS-26-07

Health Services: Approve Annual recycling payment to Morton for curbside recycling, Resolution HS-26-08.

Health Services: Approve Annual recycling payment to the Village of Creve Coeur for curbside recycling, Resolution HS – 26-09

Health Services: Approve Annual recycling payment to Pekin for curbside recycling, Resolution HS-26-10

Health Services: Approve Annual recycling payment to Washington for curbside recycling, Resolution HS-26-11.

Health Services: Approve the annual recycling collection programs, Resolution HS-26-12.

Transportation: Approve Resolution for Deer Creek Road District – 26-03000-01-GM, Resolution T-26-4.

Property: Approve the replacement of a McKenzie Building boiler, Resolution P-26-04.

Property: Approve the service counter replacement project in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Resolution P-26-06. Upon approval of In-Place Meeting.

Finance: Approve budget transfer for EMA, Resolution F-26-07.

Human Resources: Approve new position for the Sheriff's office, Resolution HR-26-03.

Executive: Approve Tazewell County Bicentennial Logo Expenditure, Resolution E-26-10.

Executive: Approve Robert Marion to Farm the Tazewell County Farm Through 2026.

Member Crawford motions to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the agenda packet: seconded by Member Harris. 14 Yeas 0 Nays.

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

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Item 8 Property:

Member Hopkins moved to approve the replacement of a McKenzie Building Boiler, seconded by Member Stahl. Motion to approve passed the board by a voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution P-26-04 was passed by the county board.

Item 9 Property:

Member Crawford moved to approve the service counter replacement project in the Circuit Clerk's office, seconded by Member Proehl. Motion to approve Resolution P-26-05 was passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

REVIEW OF APPROVED BILLS

Board members have been sent the approved bills.

APPROVE THE MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

Member Nelms motioned to approve the March 2026 calendar, seconded by Member Joesting. Motion to approve the March 2026 calendar was approved by voice vote of 14 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 7:41 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be on March 25, 2026.