

*Minutes approved 4.22.26*



## **Executive Committee Meeting**

James Carius Community Room  
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – 3:42 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Brett Grimm, Vice Chairman Mike Harris, Nancy Proehl, Max Schneider, Kim Joesting, Greg Sinn, Greg Menold, Russ Crawford, Dave Mingus

Committee Members Absent: Jay Hall, Eric Stahl

Others Attending: Mindy Darcy, County Administrator

**MOTION**                    **MOTION BY MEMBER MENOLD, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER** to approve minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Public Comment:** Doug Yontz of Morton, Illinois, stated that he farms in southern Tazewell County, north of San Jose. He noted that building permits are scheduled to be voted on at the March 25, 2026 meeting. While he emphasized that he and his family are enrolled in the solar farm and are not opposed to solar energy, he raised several concerns that he believes have not yet been addressed. He questioned where the sand being excavated from the sand hills will be taken and how the land will be restored to its original condition. He also stated that there is no easement in place to construct solar panels over an underground irrigation line currently owned by Ameren. Additionally, he noted that irrigation equipment will need to be relocated off the property.

Mr. Yontz further stated that approximately 15,000 cubic yards of sand are expected to be removed from their field, a development they were only informed of the previous week. He added that they have not received a copy of the project's insurance policy, leaving uncertainty about whether potential damage to adjacent properties would be covered. Finally, he stated that, as of today, they have not received an operational payment check.

**MOTION**  
E-26-07                    **MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER JOESTING** to Approve a Quote from Abel Monument for the Medal of Honor Monument

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**  
E-26-12

**MOTION BY MEMBER HARRIS, SECOND BY MEMBER MENOLD** to Approve change to add the Roth option to the County 457(B) Deferred Compensation Plans

Administrator Darcy stated that the IRS has enacted the SECURE Act 2.0. She explained that for high-income earners, defined as individuals over age 50 who earned more than \$145,000 in the prior year, any catch-up contributions to a 457(b) deferred compensation plan are still permitted, allowing participants to contribute additional funds beyond the standard limit. However, under the new law, she noted that these catch-up contributions must be made on an after-tax (Roth) basis rather than pre-tax.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**  
E-26-21

**MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER** to Approve Decommissioning Agreement for Hawk Solar, LLC

Member Menold questioned where this project is located and Community Development Administrator Jackie Workman stated that this project is located in Malone Township.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED**

Member Harris voted nay

**MOTION**  
E-26-23

**MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER** to Approve Decommissioning Agreement for Coyote Road Solar, LLC

Community Development Administrator Jackie Workman stated that she has recently reached out to Ellie, who is the project manager for RWE, as well as Blattner, the individuals who are doing the construction. She stated that they will not be able to store all of the topsoil onsite, they will use the subsoil to backfill trenching as much as they can. She stated that is part of their AIMA Agreement. She stated that they do not have their insurance paperwork yet, however, permits will not be approved until they receive it.

Member Menold questioned if there is a Road Use Agreement for this project and Administrator Workman confirmed that there is.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED**

Member Harris voted nay

**MOTION**  
E-26-24

**MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER** to Approve Road Use Agreement, 1st Amendment for Fast Ave Solar, LLC

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED**

Member Harris voted nay

**MOTION**  
E-26-13

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Michael Morris to the Brush Hill Fire Protection District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**  
E-26-14

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Todd Mundorf to the Powerton Fire Protection District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**  
E-26-15

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Russell Crawford to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED**

Member Crawford abstained

**MOTION**  
E-26-16

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Greg Menold to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED**

Member Menold abstained

**MOTION**

E-26-17

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve appointment of Jon Hopkins to the Veterans Assistance Commission

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**

E-26-18

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Richard Schwab to the Board of Review

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**

E-26-19

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Greg Sinn to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTION**

E-26-20

**MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER HARRIS** to Approve reappointment of Michael Deppert to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Chairman Grimm recessed the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)