Proceedings of the County Board of Gallatin County, IL

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COUNTY OF GALLATIN)

The members of the County Board in and for the County of Gallatin, State of Illinois, met at the courthouse in Shawneetown, Illinois on Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Roll Call Present: Andrew Lunsford, Chairman; Gary Vickery, Vice Chairman; Terry Schmitt; Randy Drone; Warren Rollman

Absent: None

Others; Kate Rollman, Jamie R. Crest, David A. Crest, Shannon Bradley, Andrew Miller, Lori Hise, Jamie Scherrer, Douglas Dyhkopp, Justin Hastie, David Barker

Attest: Pamela Duvall, County Clerk

Chairman Andrew Lunsford called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion #1 by Randy Drone, seconded by Terry Schmitt to approve the minutes of the February 19th, 2026 meeting. Motion carried. Aye- 5 Nay- 0

The Financial Report was given by David Barker, County Treasurer. He reported the County Corporate Fund had an ending balance of $1,022,751.07 for the month ending February 28th, 2026. Receipts total for the month of November was $130778.70 and expenditures in the amount of $159,448.31.

Motion #2 by Randy Drone and seconded by Terry Schmitt to accept the Financial Report for the month ending, February 28th, 2026. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0

Motion #3 by Gary Vickery and seconded by Warren Rollman to pay the County bills as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Motion #4 by Randy Drone seconded by Terry Schmitt to pay Road and Bridge bills. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0

In Other:

The Board asked that we check with the auditor to see if the Circuit Clerk Fee's fund can reimburse the County the employer portion of Social Security and IMRF for one Circuit Clerk Deputy Salary. They also asked for a budget amendment to make the change.

In Public Comment:

Mika Miller spoke with the board about a new hog business that is under development on Elba Road. They are expecting 6-8 persons to be employed.

In Old Business:

Justin Hastie, the Peabody Bridge is still on hold.

Motion#5 by Gary Vickery, seconded by Warren Rollman to approve 2026 County Maintenance Resolution. Motion Carried. Roll Call 5-0

In New Business:

No New EMA Updates

Motion #6 by Randy Drone, seconded by Terry Schmitt to approve Resolution 1125004A, the bid to purchase 05-001-133-07by Danny C. Page. Motion Carried. Roll Call 5-0

Motion #7 by Randy Drone, seconded by Gary Vickery to approve Resolution 1125007A, the bid to purchase 06-005-026-02 by Nick Sheiver. Motion Carried. Roll Call 5-0

Motion #8 by Gary Vickery, seconded by Randy Drone to approve Resolution 1125008A, the bid to purchase 06-005-027-02 by Nick Sheiver. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 4-1.

Motion #9 by Terry Schmitt, seconded by Randy Drone to approve Resolution 1125012A, the bid to purchase 09-005-047-03 by Nick Sheiver Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0.

Motion #10 by Randy Drone, seconded by Terry Schmitt to approve the two recommended options Dave Holder and Samuel Newton for the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust Executive Board Election for the 2026-2029 Term. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0.

The Board decided to ask for an extension on the bid for the elevator to see about grants to pay for its install. They also asked to have a representative at the next meeting to answer questions.

The board spoke about a bill for $6,000 sent to the county from Bellwether, LLC. There was no confirmation on what the bill was for from the company after asking for clarification only an unsigned Fy27 Budget Agreement was emailed back when asking about the bill. The agreement was presented to the board for review. The possibility of having the auditor for the county Botsch & Associates do budget prep instead of Bellwether, LLC was also discussed. Randy Drone requested a firm bid from the company to compare the two.

Motion to adjourn made by Randy Drone. Motion Carried. Ayes 5-Nay 0.

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