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The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on April 7, 2026 at the BOS Center. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Ms. Linda Douglas-Williams gave the Invocation and Mr. Krell led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 29 Present – 0 Absent.

The Chairman welcomed the audience. He read the standing rules of county board procedure for the audience of rules governing the conduct of Sangamon County meeting attendees. Chapter 2.04 of the Sangamon County Code sets forth the rules governing the conduct of persons attending Sangamon County meetings. He recognizes the legal language can sometimes be difficult to understand, so this notice provides a summary of chapter 2.04 primary requirements. Generally, in order to maintain an atmosphere that promotes civil discourse, chapter 2.04 requires that all persons attending Sangamon County meetings do not engage in behavior that is disruptive, disrespectful, or distracting to the conduct of the meeting. Do not interrupt persons offering public comment. Do not interrupt board members while they are speaking. Do not use loud language, shouting, cheering, booing, loud laughter, applause or engage in other similar conduct that disrupts the order and decorum of the meeting. Do not use offensive, threatening or profane language. Do not make gestures, display signage or engage in conduct that intimidates or provokes or distracts others. Do not engage in actions that prevent other attendees from hearing or seeing speakers and materials presented. Do not address the board, speakers, or other attendees without the permission of the Chairman. Do not exceed the time allotted for speaking. Do not address the board except via microphone at the location designated. Be advised County Board rules allow one hour for public comment at the end of each meeting. Speakers must sign up by 4:30 pm the day before the meeting and the meeting's scheduled start. Each speaker is allowed up to four minutes to make their presentation. Be advised, law enforcement personnel from the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office are authorized to remove from a county meeting any person who violates these rules.

PROCLAMATIONS

There were no proclamations.

SANGAMON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART CONTEST PRESENTATION

Shannon Fehrholz, Regional Superintendent for Sangamon and Menard Counties addressed the Board. She thanked them for the opportunity to be here tonight. She was joined by County Board Member, Jen Deaner, and together they presented a proposal for a new initiative, the Sangamon County High School Senior Art Competition for the 26-27 school year. They should each have a flyer at their desk that outlines the details of the program. From an education standpoint, this initiative is about creating meaningful opportunities for their students. The arts play a vital role in helping students build creativity, confidence, and communication skills, and this competition gives them a platform to showcase those talents.

From the county's perspective, this is a great opportunity to connect with area high school seniors and celebrate their unique talents. The idea is that each county high school submits two pieces of art created by high school seniors. One would be a 2D piece and one would be a 3D piece. This would be facilitated and selected by the school art teachers. The shared pieces would be displayed at the County Building in the exhibit space outside of the boardroom, and on display from December through February. At the end of that time, the winners would be chosen by Sangamon County Board members, giving them the opportunity to recognize the achievements of their local students.

This effort is a collaboration between her office, the Sangamon County Board and the Springfield Art Association, who will assist with the coordination and artwork handling. They are so grateful for all the ways that Springfield Art Association and director Betsy Dollar are supporting their work and the curation of local art for their exhibits.

They are asking for help from the County Board Members to help get the word out. Sometime this week, Mary is going to email a letter. It's a draft of a letter. It's easily edited and customizable so that if they could send that off to their local high school, they think that might encourage schools and high school seniors to participate. If they have any questions, they would be happy to answer or they can get with them at another time if anything comes up. They appreciate the support.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, for approval of the Minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place correspondence on file with the clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stumpf made a motion to go out of the normal order of business and bring Resolution 2 from the March 23, 2026 meeting, off the table of Old Business for consideration. Mr. Madonia made a second. Upon a roll call vote there were 23 Yea's and 5 Nay's. The NO votes were; Ayers, Douglas-Williams, Fulgenzi, Guyton and Mendenhall.

Mr. Hall made a motion to postpone the matter until the regular May meeting. Mr. Guyton seconded it and said he knows this is a contentious topic. He knows some folks feel as if their lives are hanging in the balance with this. He said first and foremost he is pro-union. He supports the laborers and workers. He wants the best for them and he thinks many on the board do as well. However speaking for himself, he does not have enough understanding of the long term impacts effecting Sangamon County as a whole. He has to look at the context of things globally. They are in a situation where they are dealing with wartime efforts. If they have not learned from World War Two or World War One about the needs of feeding people, about the needs of making sure they have steady work, about the needs of making sure that people are secure, then they have not learned anything at all, and that is a problem. It is unfortunate they are in this position they are in right now, but they cannot afford to make reckless decisions or fast decisions without considering the long term needs. This is the reason why he is seconding the motion.

Mr. Madonia stated they had a very informative meeting in December that lasted five hours. They had a board meeting two weeks ago on the 23rd that lasted five hours. They have listened to every proponent and opponents opinion. The developer has done everything right. They have followed the zoning rules. They are doing them a disservice by continuing to punt this and push it off. They have pushed this along way too far. They as a board need to vote on this tonight. He thanked them.

Ms. Sheppard stated the proposed data center is located in close proximity to her district, and the impacts will be felt directly by the residents she represents. Over the past several months, she has heard extensively from those residents, and their concerns have been consistent and overwhelming, particularly regarding infrastructure, water, electricity and the long term impact on this rural area. As their representative, it is her responsibility to ensure their voices are heard in this process. She wants to be clear she is not opposed to growth or job creation or data centers. She believes those are important, possibly for our county. However, decisions of this magnitude must be made with full clarity and careful consideration of long term impacts many that they don't know. Additionally, with the Illinois State legislature actively working on proposed regulations related to data centers, including all the things mentioned above, she believes it is both reasonable and prudent to allow that process to move forward before making a final decision of this magnitude. She thanked the Board.

Ms. Fulgenzi addressed the Board. She feels very torn on the subject. She thinks they all do. They all have been hearing from both sides. The one thing that keeps sticking out in her mind is that there are bills out there that are going to be legislation at the state and federal level. If they rush this, will this company be bound by the new regulations, or will they be grandfathered in and saying they don't have to follow it? That is one of her main concerns because if they are required to build power generation in a federal or state legislation, will this business be required to follow that or will they be grandfathered because they have already started? That is her main concern. She supports postponing until they can get more information and clarity on it.

Mr. Mendenhall spoke next. He has represented the Ag industry his entire life. When they decided to set this up, no one went out and talked to the Ag community, and all they said was it was

going to benefit the City of Springfield. Well, it takes prime Ag land out of production again. It could have a negative effect on seed dealers, chemical dealers, fertilizer dealers. As they continue to do this, whether it's for data centers or solar projects, it could have a negative effect on the cash rent prices and raise them. Some farmers aren't going to be able to do that, and it could put some farmers out of business. There are several people on this County Board that have said numerous times that the Ag community is the economic driver of Sangamon County, and they have turned their back on them and haven't talked to them.

The Chairman asked for a roll call vote on the motion. There were 11 Yea's and 17 Nay's. The Yea votes were Ayers, Deppe, Douglas-Williams, Forsyth, Fulgenzi, Guyton, Hall, Mendenhall, Scaife, Sheppard and Small. The Nay's were Cahnman, Constant, Davsko, Deaner, DelGiorno, Fraase, Krell, Lathan, Madonia, McGuire, Miller, Rader, Schackmann, Stumpf, Thomas, Tjelmeland and Truax. The motion to postpone was defeated.

Mr. Madonia made a motion to move Public Comment to the current point in the meeting. Mr. Tjelmeland seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman stated that the rules for public comment allow one hour for public comment. They have 61 speakers who signed up to speak this evening. Each speaker, under their normal rules, is allowed four minutes to speak but most people do not use all of that time. They take the speakers in the order that they signed up to speak. If their name is called, they are to proceed to the podium and make their presentation. They have timers who will be keeping track of time, but please, in order to accommodate as many speakers as possible, try to keep their comments as succinct as possible. If what they have to say is only going to repeat what somebody else said, perhaps give their time to somebody else that signed up to speak.

SPEAKER 1: I am Aaron Guernsey, President of the Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council. You've heard my job spiel before, so I'm not going to go into it. We all know that there's a lot of a lot of work and a lot of jobs at stake here, but, we've heard different things about what's going on and this meeting is about a zoning permit. It's about getting a zoning permit. And I echo the sentiments of Mr. Madonia in that CyrusOne has done what they were supposed to do and jump through the hoops and gone through all the rigmarole that they need. I think they also deserve a vote here. But as a reminder, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted five to nothing unanimously to approve the zoning permit. So inside that zoning permit hearing, CyrusOne put together a presentation that they were under oath and gave to that board of what went on. There was no new information brought to us.

I heard a little bit earlier, and I had this written down anyway, that we're going to wait for the State of Illinois, in an election year, to come up with something. It is not going to happen. It is an election year. They are not going to pass anything forward with what we've seen, with what they've done with renewables and how they treat other County Boards. So to say that you want them to follow whatever the State of Illinois is going to do, be careful what you wish for because you're just putting your eggs into their basket and you're hoping for the best out of them when this Board has already made rules to follow. So that being said, I want to remind them that our building trades, men and women sitting behind me over there have built these data centers, not to this scope in this area, of course. Have they been out and done it? Yes. Have they built it for HSHS, Memorial Medical Center,

Springfield Clinic, Horace Mann, AT&T, all of those. We have built these data centers. We know what they're about and I think we can go ahead and we can do this same project with the skilled men and women that are sitting behind me right back here and help move Sangamon County forward. With that, I thank you all, and I appreciate your time. Thank you.

SPEAKER 2: My name is Ryan McCrady. I'm president of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, an economic development organization that serves all of Springfield and Sangamon County. What we have before you tonight is a tremendous opportunity. The reason this is difficult is because it's new. We don't have this type of development here in Springfield. The County Board should be commended for the amount of time that you've put in to learning about this topic. Whether you vote for it or against it, I respect the amount of time and effort and energy you put into answering all the questions, all the emails, all the letters. You should be commended for that, because that's a hallmark of the Sangamon County Board. We're also fortunate that you've adopted rules for data centers. Many of the data center debates you hear in other communities are even more stern than this one because they have no rules. In that case, you're building the plane while you're flying it. It's difficult to figure out what's going to happen. So thank you for adopting those rules. As time goes on, you may decide to amend those rules and that makes sense because you learn new things, you take different actions and that's how you should be as an elected official. I'd also like to say that statements made at the Zoning Board of Appeals are under oath, and they are legally binding. That is very important to remember because during that hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously felt that CyrusOne met or exceeded all the standards set by the County, by the EPA and other enforcement agencies for this project.

For example, the closed loop cooling system is not new technology. It exists in hundreds and hundreds of other buildings across our community. It's new to be applied to data centers, but that system's not flushed. The water from that system does not go out into the environment. That's why it's a closed loop system. And CyrusOne is focused on preserving the precious water resources. That's why they're making important investments into Waverly Lake in the Apple Creek Water Co-op, investments that are sorely needed. And absent a water user like CyrusOne, those investments don't happen. Things like improvements to Waverly Lake, interconnections to provide redundant water systems. Those are benefits to all, not just CyrusOne. Another example of a benefit to all, not just CyrusOne, is public safety. The equipment and fire trucks they will provide to the Virden Fire Protection District and the training that they'll provide to other county agencies around the county. Once again, this is a benefit to all, not just to CyrusOne.

I want you to see the pattern here. The benefit for all the emissions controls that are part of the package that CyrusOne has put together for this center. They are using a tier four generator, which is above and beyond what the requirement is by the Illinois EPA to help control their emissions. That's a benefit to all the electric rates that will serve this important project. With the rural electric cooperative, those rates and the structure of this rate structure does not impact the other rate payers. For example, under oath it was testified this will not lead to a rate increase for co-op members. That's a benefit to all. Also, the cost for extending this power is not socialized amongst other ratepayers. CyrusOne has to pay all these costs. That's how it works in Illinois when you have extensions like this. Once again, a benefit for all. These are very real jobs. Construction jobs for individuals. To say that construction jobs are temporary, they need to understand that absent Interstate 270 around St Louis, there is no construction. All construction is temporary. But construction jobs of five years in length are important

and they are not temporary. We have people testifying here at this County Board, that they are on the sidelines and unemployed. That is important.

The Chairman called time.

SPEAKER 3: My name is Sam Sinclair. I'm the project manager and prefabrication manager for Henson Robinson Company. I've been in the trades for 33 years. This is really a monumental occasion to get a chance to have a construction site like this in our area. I spoke at the last meeting. I think out of frustration I went home and did some research on what they actually are going to do with these sites compared to farmland and noise and comparison to elevators and what actually the emissions are in these areas and it's amazing. We install the closed loop systems all the time. The water does not get drained out. It does not get refilled. You flush it at the beginning and that's your waste. That's it. Once you do that, it's a closed loop unless there's a leak that shows up and it'll be spotted right away. There is no work to that system. How many have geothermal in this community or in the surrounding communities? Every well that you have in geothermal system has glycol in the ground. That's what it is and they're protected. These systems are I won't say failproof, but they're pretty good when they're installed the right way.

Back to my comment about noise. The neighbors in that area. I understand the noise you consider is going to be very bad, but the decibel level for a generator or a data center is under 100. It's closer to 85, which is basically a constant hum in the industry we're in. We're in those buildings all the time by a mechanical room. They recommend hearing protection a lot. But the noise when the generators run is loud over 110dB within 30ft. Anytime you get outside 30ft, it drops every foot you go so that's not really going to be a concern.

There was a comment about the emissions on the generator engines. Okay, every large building that has a life safety issue or a hospital, Memorial Medical Center has seven generators on their campus. They run them once a month for half an hour. The decibel levels are not deafening. You go out to that generator, that data center site. They are not going to fire all 200 or 400 at the same time. They are going to be staggered. They are not going to have the noise that you're worried about.

Just to follow up a little bit, you guys are wanting the State and I don't, I'm not going to say anything bad about the State, but these are new. I mean, they're everywhere in the country. We're working on one right now in North Dakota so they're going somewhere. There are two in Illinois, there is one in Festus, Missouri and one in Indiana. That's all farm ground. I would much rather have a building on my farm ground than 200 acres of solar panels that are going to destroy that farm ground and never be used again. Same way with a wind turbine. They go in there and create roads and they dig down and put a 40 by 40 concrete pad, 13, 14ft, 20ft in the ground. You're never going to get that ground back. I mean, they've destroyed it and that's what everybody wants. I would rather have a building that is also helping the government, helping everybody here. So I mean it's a win win. And I do want to say I appreciate you guys. He thanked the Board.

SPEAKER 4: Ed Legg. So this is the first board meeting I've attended in regards to the data center. So the circus that this is, is a shame for the county. I've heard multiple talks about the use of farmland for data centers. This is 590 acres. Last year, in 2025, the United States exported 78 million tons of corn to other countries and we are worried about the corn production of 590 acres. That's minuscule in the grand scheme of the production of corn in this country for food production. The closed loop cooling system that everybody seems to be concerned with. Everybody in this room drove a car

here. Your car has a closed loop cooling system. If you don't believe me, the radiator in your car has antifreeze in it. Drain all the antifreeze out and see how fast your car overheats. Because your closed loop cooling system has no fluid in it. I've been a pipefitter in the industry in Sangamon County for the last 23 years, and this is going to be some fantastic work. Now for five years, and then the maintenance of 400 generators, however many chillers, however many pumps. This will be work for as long as this building is here, there will be maintenance work that has to be done on a consistent basis by skilled craftsmen. Every day between now and the end of the time until the building is no longer available. That's all I had. Thank you.

SPEAKER 5: Jordan Shaw. I'm a citizen of Springfield District 20 and also for the past 36 years before living here, I lived in Virden, a town where the majority of it, yes, is located in Macoupin County. But there's a teeny tiny little part of it that is in Sangamon County. So I am speaking out on Virden as a whole. More specifically, for the citizens who currently live there and do not wish to have a data center. Now, I could go on and on about how I'm pro-union. My dad was in the union. My grandparents were in the union. Great grandparents. Virden has a lot of coal miners. I have a cousin who is in a teacher's union. I have a great uncle who is in an auto mechanic union. I didn't even know they had unions. So the more you know. So to say if we are not interested in having a data center means we're against unions is not factual and I understand that because there are so many horrible things happening in the world.

There are people trying to focus on themselves, their loved ones, and the brothers and sisters of the Union, I get that but at the end of the day, this is not going to help. I know it's hard to believe, but people lie under oath. It happens a lot. But respectfully, people lie all the time when they want something really bad, like a huge data center that's not even going to be that far away from Lowder. I visited Sunday. It's not that far. I've talked to people from Lowder, from Berlin, from Waverly, from Auburn, from Thayer. Poor Thayer always gets left out. It's like, what, 300 people live there? Nobody wants this. And the people who don't voice that, you know, we don't want this data center. They're already defeated because they know when the chips are down and a multi-billion dollar company has won something, they're going to pay for it and they're going to pay people off.

I am hoping that that union workers, the union members, the brothers and sisters who are behind me and who are probably not happy with the things that I'm saying. That's okay. All of our jobs are temporary. My job is temporary. Your job is temporary. Everybody's jobs are temporary. It's not threatening you right now. It is threatening the environment, the livestock, the residents, and the fact that so many data centers in the United States, in Illinois are getting so many things wrong. We are trying to get ahead of that. So this is no disrespect. There's no malice. Just understand that, yes, you are looking out for yourself, your own, and the siblings of your union. We are trying to look out for you as well and literally everybody else. The world is on fire. We are trying to put it out as best we can. Thank you.

SPEAKER 6: Riki Dial Jr. was not there.

SPEAKER 7: George Alexander. Good afternoon. I want to thank the board for allowing me to speak this evening. My name is George Alexander and I'm the business manager for Laborers Local 477 in Springfield, Illinois. I hear different sides of the story of stories and I respect everybody's opinion. But what I want to get up here and talk about is that I really haven't heard anything about what affects me dearly is that CyrusOne has promised money for pre-apprenticeship programs. Why that is so valuable to my union is because a lot of the workforce that is coming available now is saying that you have to

have pre-apprenticeships on jobs to get federal and state money. You have to have apprentices. I started the apprenticeship program in 2004 and it changed my life. I wasn't the one that was studious in high school or anything like that. I got married at 19, had kids, and I tried to make a living by working 2 or 3 jobs. So I'm up here to say that the union changed my life. And if CyrusOne is promising money for pre-apprenticeship programs and things like that, I support it wholeheartedly.

Another thing I want to talk about is when I started the apprenticeship program and went to certain jobs, I didn't see anybody that looked like me. There were very few minorities on job sites. If you look now and go past the job site, you see an abundance of people that look like me. There are women, and all different kinds of races. And why I say that is because when I went to a job site, it was kind of hard to get through the day because I knew certain people didn't want me there because of the good old boy system. It's changed now. This company is promising to do something and I know people lie all the time. We lie every day because we're not perfect. And if you say you don't, you're lying. But jobs are very scarce right now. We don't have much work going on. And I know emissions and everything that everybody's talking about, but I know that we drove here and I know there's emissions from the cars that affect us daily and a lot of people smoke and drink and stuff like that but I support this program. The minorities that are in my union, I will tell you this, 75% of them are apprentices that I've taken in. Minorities are the highest I've ever seen in 22 years that I've been in the union. So what do I do with the apprentices that are coming in when there are no jobs? Some of them have come from prison. Some of them are recovering addicts. Some of them are alcoholics that are trying to better themselves. Where are they supposed to go? Nobody's coming to Sangamon County to build s*#+.

The Chairman warned the speaker that the use of foul language will not be tolerated.

I'm just saying that I don't know where a bunch of minorities are going to go to work if this project doesn't go through. He thanked the Board.

SPEAKER 8: Hello and thank you for asking me to speak today. My name is Cecilia Wendler. I'm a nurse and a retired Army military officer. I worked as a union nurse when I lived in Illinois. In Minnesota, I have union family and friends. I am here to speak out against this. Oh, by the way, some of you on this board I've done business with, I've been neighbors with and I learned when I was 20 the power and importance of the County Commission. I learned that all the money that comes from the federal government to a county flows through you so your work is hard and it's important.

I sat through the last discussions and many things have already been said. I look to the east side at the Pillsbury building. There is a non-profit corporation who is cleaning up after Carnegie and Pillsbury. So far, \$5 million has been spent and it's still an ugly eyesore. We do not have enough information about what we're going to do when this building is decommissioned, and what happens to the electronic waste that it produces. Have any of you recently tried to get rid of an old printer or an old iPad? I think those of us in the city take it to a designated place where it is carefully decommissioned. This building is the size of 12 football fields. We are rushing through an important decision. As a nurse, I am concerned about all the environmental impacts. As a former farmer, I am worried about the rural lifestyle.

I read the other day, we have 178 of these centers in Illinois. When is it going to stop? I am certain that the project planner from CyrusOne is going to get a great big bonus when they close this and the same with our Development Corporation Director. Where is the money coming from? Where is

it going to? Just remember your call that you are responsible for the health and well-being of the people of the County of Sangamon. Thank you.

SPEAKER 9: Good evening everybody. My name is Brian Baskett. I am the business manager for Ironworkers Local 46 here in Springfield, Illinois. I am not going to sit here and talk about the unions. We have a plethora of guys back here right now that will talk about the unions. And I am for this project.

I would like to start off with in past meetings is discussions about the ground pollution. The nice lady up here was talking earlier about cows and livestock and environment. I am from Springfield, Illinois, just north of town, raised on 20 acres. We had cattle, we raised chickens, we were hobby farmers. I'm not a farmer by any means. I am a city kid that grew up. My dad bought some cows and stuff, but we ate our stock. The twenty acres they bought was on Klein's auto salvage lot. It had buried cars in it and had trash and glass. It is what it is. Our cattle was great. Our meat was good. We gave it to our families. We fed our families with it. A couple years down the road, we dug a pond. Stocked the pond. The water was good. I went to Ursuline Academy. I graduated in 1994, then became an Ironworker in 94 or 95. That summer, Ursuline Academy would come out and test our water at our pond.

Our pond was perfect, even on a landfill. It was good. We had well water. Our well water was good even on an auto salvage lot. So you gotta watch the pollution. You're on farm ground, right? The only pollution that's been on that farm ground is fertilizer that's been sprayed. Alright, so that's what's on that ground right now. So I've been an Ironworker for 31 years and have built all over the country, everything from pipelines, turbines, everything. One thing you have to understand about us is it's not just us as a union, it's our contractors. We are heavily structured. We are heavily looked after for the EPA rules. What we buy, what we purchase, it's our contractors, not just these men and women's backs or the blood that they give every day to work. It's on the contractors as well.

I have also heard comments about why don't you put this in your backyard? Well, unfortunately, I can't, I am kind of landlocked. I live an eighth of a mile away from the Sangamon County wastewater treatment plant which I actually helped build for two years. It's a great facility. I lived out there before they redid it and did the EPA recommendations. They had to upgrade the system. I put in lots of concrete, lots of steel and fiberglass. They break that waste down and you have solid particulates, then you have the sludge. So people say, how can you live next to a wastewater treatment plant? Because there are engineering controls I installed around the sludge tanks, vacuum system, filtration system to get the odor out. That's kind of what the data centers are doing too. They have engineering controls to help out for spillages. It's water. It's all closed loop. So the filtration systems there, you have all kinds of stuff you have to deal with. It's going to be there a while. It's a beautiful facility. They went from having 35 employees to 120 full time employees for the same county wastewater treatment plant. Don't hold me to the numbers. It could be more, it could be less but they have a beautiful facility there. If you guys ever get a chance to go through it, take a tour.

So environment and animals, I just want to touch on this real quick. You guys can drive down Eighth Street Road anytime you want. About 3:00 pm in the afternoon, there are probably 10 to 30 white tailed deer. They are not interrupted. You can get a wild turkey and there are two bald eagles right there you can look at too. So there you go. For your environment.

SPEAKER #10: April Hampleman was not present.

SPEAKER #11: Josh Summers spoke next. Good evening. Thank you board for letting me speak. I'll be quick. I'm the apprenticeship coordinator for the Ironworkers here in Springfield. I've got relationships with all the other coordinators of the major trades, and we represent a lot of young men and women. A lady before had talked about her worries of the people in the community seeing this, this center and the sounds and everything but we've got young men and women that that have car payments and grocery bills. Without these jobs happening, if we fight everything that comes into our community, which happens, I mean, every major project anywhere in any area. There's a group just like this with red bandanas, yellow bandanas, purple bandanas and it could be an Arby's. It's a big issue and we're fighting it. The fact of the matter is, is that we have to have work. We have to have jobs, we have to grow or we stay stale. We have a lot of people depending on us to stand up here and speak for them, because that's our job. I just will say, I'm in support of this, and I hope you as a board will see it from our side. Thank you.

SPEAKER #12: Brad Schaive spoke next. I just want to talk about logistics. People talked about how the members, the men and women of labor left one of the large meetings here. We had 450 individuals here. We could have done what they are doing in some areas. They did a filibuster. They signed up every single one of these men and women. You would have been here for days and days. We didn't do that. You know why? Only two people from labor spoke. Aaron Guernsey and myself, on behalf of all of these men and women of labor. Two. We didn't sign up all 450 to take up your time. No one sat here and yelled. No one clapped as people were dragged out. They sit there because that's called professionalism. They are as professional tonight as they are on the jobs.

At the last meeting, as we were walking down the steps with one of our own members from Laborers' Local 47, who lives by this, and was here - one of the main opponents of this was walking down with me, and he said, hey, I know why you're here. And I said, yeah, I was told that you live by it. And he was with his wife. And he said, it's a big deal to me. And I said, I understand. He said, I know it's a big deal to you. That's called professional discourse. Professional. Imagine what that would look like to have an actual conversation about what's good for the community, what's good for everyone on both sides, and not have people dragged out by the police in the Sangamon County Board meeting and be clapped and rewarded for it. Is that where we are at now?

So folks, here's the situation. If we work to support those actions, what do we create for the future? If you sit here tonight and this continues and all these men and women who sit here quiet from labor, the last meeting we had individuals told, "we hope you get asbestos". "We hope you die on a job". "You're all from Chicago". None of these people are from Chicago. They've said all of these things. It's all about money. When they spoke about Labor's Disaster Response team, which has been deployed 13 times, nine in Sangamon County. It was a big joke and a laugh. Here's what I would say. If you're on the fence tonight, take a look at the actions and the lack of professionalism. I love it when people make my argument and I don't have to. So what we would do is ask you to watch all of this. Is this what you want to see at all the county board meetings, or do you want to see the professionalism of people come here to talk about jobs?

So I've heard that if you're a YES and vote for this tonight you were paid off. I've seen on Facebook that if you're a YES vote, you were purchased. It's amazing that if you're a NO vote, you have some type of moral high ground. But if you're a YES, you've been paid off. The hypocrisy is so thick you could cut it with a butter knife. The fact is this - please, please stand up for decorum and

professionalism. Stand up for order and say NO to chaos because you will create chaos for the following. So thank you very much and I love when they make my argument. Thank you.

SPEAKER #13: Joseph Powell. Good evening. My name is Joseph Powell. I'm a proud member of Local 965 and a proud father of two beautiful children. I understand that some have concerns about this data center, but after thinking it through, I have even stronger reasons why I believe this project should be approved today. Data is like gold. There's a reason for that. The question that we should be asking is simple, where do we want that data stored? Do we want it stored in places like China or Russia or other foreign countries where it can be used against us? Or do we want it stored here, right here in the United States, where we have the ability to fight for its protection? Our kids are growing up in a world where data and artificial intelligence are going to shape the future. I want my children and everyone's children to have opportunities in that future. Furthermore, we have been living through a continuous tech boom for decades. We all rely on it every single day. We use search engines, store family photos in the cloud, follow GPS, and scroll through social media but here in our area, we are severely lacking advanced technology investment. We benefit from technology, but we don't attract it. Data centers with AI capabilities help power things like cancer research, medical advancements that reduce human error and surgery, and innovations that keep our country leading the world.

This isn't just a building. This is infrastructure for the future and this doesn't just benefit Sangamon County. It strengthens the entire surrounding region that depends on this county as an economic backbone. If we keep turning away opportunities, eventually the opportunities stop knocking. Finally, this is a major opportunity for our local union workforce. Our jobs always have a start date and end date. We know how to save and plan for the slow times, and right now we are in a slow time. When was the last major project built in central Illinois? Not a remodel, not a rehab, but a real large scale build besides the Scheel's sports park. This could be the start of something bigger for our area. We want to work here. We want to stay here with our families. We don't want to have to travel for work. When we travel for work that's money not being spent in our local communities. I expect everyone here has their own concerns. These are mine. I believe this project moves Sangamon County forward, supports American data security, brings tech investments to our region and keeps local people working close to home. Thank you for your time and listening. God bless the United States of America.

SPEAKER #14: Salem King spoke next. I know most of you are probably tired of hearing about this data center. I know that I am. If you're tired of hearing about this data center and want this process to be over, then vote NO. Because I know that if you vote YES or it gets tabled again, I'll be here in May and I'll be here in June, and I'll be here in July, and I'll be here in August, and I'll be here in September, and I'll be here in October, and I'll be here in November, and I'll be here in December. This fight ends like any and all fights between the people and the government that claim to represent them will end when the people win. Not a moment sooner. The people of Sangamon County do not want this data center. Every single time public comment happens and the unions aren't given advance notice of it, particularly their leadership, the public comment is overwhelmingly opposed to this data center. The public will remain opposed to this data center regardless of the vote taken tonight.

I understand, CyrusOne has come with a lot of promises for what they're going to bring to our community. I think I mentioned before to this County Board that I grew up in Decatur. The Staley's, ADM, and Firestone made a lot of promises to our community in the 90s. Workers struck against them, and then weak union leadership decided to give in to the corporation's demands because the corporations made big promises. Decatur's unemployment rate reached nearly 30% after union gave in

to corporate demands because the corporations realized they could get away with whatever they wanted as long as they made strong enough demands. Promised the government enough in kickbacks and property taxes. Made enough promises and jobs, but were never actually willing to commit to hiring local. As CyrusOne has not. And now Macon County, the place I grew up in is, according to the 2020 census, is losing its population at the third highest rate in the entire country. There are only two counties in the entire United States losing their population faster than the place where union leadership listened to the corporations and believed them. And I grew up watching it happen. I grew up watching our downtown die in Decatur, and now I'm living through the same thing. After moving to Springfield just five years ago, I have never seen union leadership in anything approaching this force. They're here tonight at the city council meeting demanding that we fix the high hundreds, if not thousands, of blighted homes in this city and in this county.

They say there is plenty of work to be done in this community that is going to help our community, but union leadership only comes out in force when a Blackrock owned company is backing it. Please vote NO on this data center because we do not need it in our community. It will not solve any of our problems. CyrusOne is lying and if you vote YES, we're all just going to be back here in May and in and in June, July, August for a really, really long time. And I know we're all tired of this, so please vote NO for our community and for yourselves. Thank you.

SPEAKER #15: Darren J Lindee was not present.

SPEAKER #16: Elijah Headen. My name is Elijah Headen. I'm a Sangamon County resident and Local 965 Operating Engineer. What that gentleman doesn't know is that we tear down houses in Sangamon County for free all the time. It sounds like he's ready to write a check, though to put some people to work for all the projects he likes to have done that just happened out of nowhere. Skepticism and questioning are essential to how we make good decisions, but they have to be grounded in facts and reality. Right now, we're seeing a lot of comparisons being made that simply don't line up. And if we want real progress, we have to evaluate this project based on what it actually is, not what people are trying to make it sound like. Let's talk about the comparison to Aurora. Homes were just 200 to 300 ft away with no sound mitigation, just a thin tree line. It's not the case here at this site. The closest home is over half a mile away, and multiple sound dampening measures will be in place from day one. That's a completely different scenario.

There's also been a lot of confusion about noise. Decibels don't stack in a simple way. They follow a logarithmic scale. Even if all 400 generators running at the same time at a half a mile, that drops to the comparison of a quiet neighborhood. Okay, if they're properly attenuated, it's about 30dB. That's a whisper. That's not speculation. That's how sound works on emissions. These generators meet tier four standards highest level of regulation. They cut emissions by 90%. Meanwhile in the same area, we've got pre-emissions, pre-DEF diesel, farm equipment, trucks running for hours and hours every day with far less controls. That's on top of all the particulates and agricultural chemicals they cause to become airborne and end up making their way into the water table. We have to be honest about that comparison, if we're going to talk about any kind of an environmental impact.

You guys are talking about water. I'm really happy that a lot of people highlighted the difference between a closed loop system and an open loop system. This facility is a closed loop system. It's highly efficient. Everybody's complaining about water usage. It's already been said, but nobody likes to talk about that it is daily bathroom and faucet usage. The reality is that Waverly Lake will benefit from

dredging and proper maintenance that it's not getting. There is going to be a higher availability of water if that's done. At the end of the day, this comes down to whether we're going to make decisions based on facts or fear. Sangamon County needs growth and needs opportunity. Projects like this bring real jobs and real benefits to working families. We are a large part of this community. We are organized labor. We are united and we are many. We support those who support us. I ask that you stand with us. Look at the facts and not be swayed by misinformation or misleading comparisons. Thank you.

SPEAKER #17: Dennis Sheedy. I'd like to thank everybody for inviting me to speak. I'm going to keep mine really short because nothing that I can really add to the conversation that hasn't already been said. I, too, am an Ironworker for 31 years. I'm the President of Local 46, and of course, I stand for this data center. Let's build it. Thank you.

SPEAKER #18: Sarah Fairchild was not present.

SPEAKER #19: Scott Hill. Thank you for letting me speak tonight. My name is Scott Hill. I'm training director for IBEW Local 103. I've been a union electrician for 31 years, and I've lived in Sangamon County my entire life. I overheard someone tonight saying that us union folks were being paid to be here. That's 100% false. We're here because we want to be here, and we want to support this project. We are also here because I have several apprentices that aren't even working in this Local right now, because we don't have enough work to support it. I would like to bring them home and work in this area where they can be home with their families at night. So tonight I'd like to speak in favor of the CyrusOne Data Center, an investment that will bring real opportunity to our community. This Board has devoted significant time to presentations and public feedback. Most board members have likely already reached a decision. Many constituents, myself included, support approval of this project. I hope this is the last feedback session before a final decision is made. Thank you for your time.

SPEAKER #20: Maribel Cruz Hine. I came here honestly, because I got a text message saying to vote for the data center or somebody sent me a message to come here, to be pro data center, but I'm a parent and I'm constantly worried about my child's future. I try to understand that change is constant. And like a lot of people say, there's a lot of data, there's a lot of misinformation, but if there's a lot of misinformation, why don't you give more time to do the research? Wouldn't we take our time for such a big decision, for our future, for our children? I keep asking myself, who is going to benefit and who's going to pay the price? And the people that are going to pay the price is our children. You know, I always say protect the water, protect the land, protect our power. And that's people power. The power of the people are telling you at least to postpone this decision to do more research on how it's going to affect our communities, our children. What are the consequences if the consequences are going to be huge, are going to impact us, then why aren't we taking more time for research?

My friend just said that about 1200 people have signed up against this data center. That's a lot of people. I don't even know about data centers, but I want to know more. I know there are other data centers that are built in Wisconsin that the residents are complaining about the noise. They were pro data centers to begin with, but then when it was built in their communities, what else can they do? They can't do it anymore. They can't do anything else because it's already built. I'm asking you to listen to the community. I'm asking you to listen to your constituents. The union, the corporations are not your constituents. It's a community, the community that came here. That guy said, oh, you know, people show up wearing different colors for different causes? Yes, because those are the people that are going to be affected. Those are the people that are showing up to speak. I do not want to be here. I want to be

putting my child to sleep. But I'm here because I'm thinking about his future. And like I said, you know, you're here to represent the people, not corporations. So please listen to the people. Free Palestine.

The Chairman stated that concludes the Public Comment portion. Mr. Guyton made a motion to extend the Public Comment for another ½ hour. It was seconded by Mr. Ayers. A roll call vote resulted in 14 Yeas and 14 Nays. The Yea votes were Ayers, Cahnman, Constant, Deppe, Douglas-Williams, Fulgenzi, Guyton, Hall, Lathan, Mendenhall, Scaife, Sheppard, Small and Tjelmeland. The Nay votes were Davsko, Deaner, DelGiorno, Forsyth, Fraase, Krell, Madonia, McGuire, Miller, Rader, Schackmann, Stumpf, Thomas and Truax. The Chairman broke the tie by voting NO.

The Chairman stated the matter is properly before the Board. The proponents and opponents were seated to take questions from the Board Members.

Mr. DelGiorno addressed the Board. He wanted to start with a basic reality. The cloud is not something floating in the sky. It's not abstract. It's made up of physical facilities called data centers that store and protect data they all rely on every day, including the Change.org petition that was forwarded to the board, including the Facebook events, organizing the protests and opposition here tonight. They have all come to rely upon data in one way or another, and pretending that stopping one data center in Sangamon County is somehow going to put the genie back in the bottle or stop AI in its tracks is simply unrealistic. The question before this board is not whether data centers should exist, but whether this application meets the requirements of their zoning ordinance. Last year, this Board voted unanimously to adopt a data center provision in their zoning ordinance. And he knows that they have members who are now going back and saying, had they only known that CyrusOne or some other data center, was knocking on their door a few months later, they would have fought for stronger rules? Sound policy making requires anticipation. He's sorry that they regret that. Vote now, but those are the rules that they have put into place. He's a lifelong Democrat, and as Democrats, they often describe ourselves as a broad coalition. A big tent disagreement grounded in facts should not be treated as bad faith or ideological betrayal.

This project represents more than 500 construction jobs over several years, and no, he has not, according to someone on Facebook, taken any money from the unions this year, nor has he received a union contribution for five years. In reality, that work will provide stability for Sangamon County workers for the next several years. While they're against the backdrop of an economic climate of tariffs and war, he's also heard references made again tonight to the Pillsbury plant as being a cautionary tale. He can speak to that. He is the Secretary/Treasurer of Moving Pillsbury Forward, which is the nonprofit that has put together the stack of money to remediate and put that property back into production for the City of Springfield. That factory, at its height, provided stable employment for decades, including through the Great Depression and including World War Two. By 1940, a little bit of trivia that you'll be able to see at the Abraham Lincoln Library at an exhibit there, is that by 1940, the Pillsbury plant was using more electricity than the entire City of Springfield combined. Today, they face a similar choice. They can insist on responsible development and strong standards, or they can default to inaction and limit their future. He would like to see them build something more than a strip mall, or recruiting the latest chain restaurant and calling it a success for economic development.

From the beginning, his position has been simple - let's get this right. That means evaluating this project based on evidence and ensuring our regulations are appropriate and enforceable. Zoning and building codes are two separate things. CyrusOne has not applied for their building permit. That gives

the county an opportunity right now to review and strengthen their building codes to address legitimate concerns about health, safety and welfare of the community. A proposal for zoning revisions was submitted by retired attorney Don Hanrahan as part of the opposition back in January. That led him to ask the Chairman to convene a working group, to take a look at his proposal and to see how they could address those issues that were raised. Much of what Mr. Hanrahan requested is already covered by state law or existing county codes. Where they are empowered to make improvements, they should and that work is already underway through the Zoning and Building Committee as brought up by Mr. Maguire and Mr. Rader last time at their last meeting.

Sangamon County can do better, and he urges this board to evaluate this project fairly. Improve their regulations where appropriate, and allow responsible development and move forward. At this time, he would actually ask that the Regional Planning Office could present their office's findings with regard to the Hanrahan proposal.

Shannan Karrick, Acting Director with Regional Planning presented findings to the Board. She stated this was a memorandum prepared by Trustin Harrison with the Zoning Department. She will read the public comment and suggestion that was followed by the staff analysis.

- Data Center Definition
→ ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.04 Data Center Definition
- dBz Definition
→ ALREADY COVERED Illinois Pollution Control Board regulates noise levels
- Octave Band Definition
→ ALREADY COVERED Illinois Pollution Control Board regulates noise levels
- ANSI Definition
→ ALREADY COVERED Illinois Energy Conservation Code references compliance with ANSI/ASHRAE 90.1 Energy Standards
- Applicability only applies to Data Centers over 20 MW
→ ALREADY COVERED The current ordinance applies to all Data Centers
- Permit Application
→ ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.02.010
- Energy Provider Service Provider and MISO Documentations
→ ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.38.040 (D)
Requires a letter from the serving utility (Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative)
- Any energy produced on-site must be for a separate use
→ The current ordinance allows as an accessory use
- Mandate renewable energy usage
→ This cannot be regulated through a zoning ordinance
- Contract between the developer and Energy provider for new infrastructure
→ This cannot be regulated through a zoning ordinance
- Water will serve letter
→ ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.38.040 (D)
Requires a letter from the serving Utility (Apple Creek)
- Non-Public water, or well usage study
→ This does not apply to this project

- Retention pond management
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.040 (C)
 - Required as part of the site plan, sign off by the County Engineer required
- Closed-loop cooling discharge notice
 - This cannot be regulated through a zoning ordinance
- Sound and Vibration
 - ALREADY COVERED Illinois Pollution Control Board regulates noise levels
- Backup generators cannot sell energy back to the grid
 - This cannot be regulated through a zoning ordinance
- 2 generators maximum testing at a time
 - ALREADY COVERED Illinois Pollution Control Board regulates noise levels
- Tier 4 Generators required
 - ALREADY COVERED Illinois Climate & Reliability Act requires Tier 4 Generator standards
- Full cutoff light fixtures
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.020
 - Lighting shall be shielded and downcast
- Light color and motion-activated lighting
 - Some of these restrictions may interfere with other industry standards, such as the Illinois Energy Conservation Code or LEED Certification
- 500' setback from structure to property line
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.020
 - setback is 150' from the structure to the property line, plus a minimum of 750' to a residential structure. 500' has the potential to take additional farm land.
- Transparency that all non-disclosure agreements be released
 - Staff cannot enter into a non-disclosure agreement
- 60-day notice
 - Conflicts with 55 ILCS 5/ Counties Code no more than 30 days
- Must report monthly energy usage
 - This cannot be regulated through a zoning ordinance
- Landscaping Buffer
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.020
 - currently requires a landscaping screen within 500' of a residential structure. This adds to the potential of more farm ground being used.
- Screening required within 300'
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.020
 - landscaping screen required within 500' of an existing dwelling
- Fencing
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.020
 - Fencing is required
- Emergency Management Plan
 - ALREADY COVERED Chapter 17.39.050
 - Proof of an emergency plan submitted to the local responding district
- National Fire Protection Association 855 Requirements
 - ALREADY COVERED Currently adopted 2023 National Fire Protection Association 855, Battery Storage

- Penalties \$25,000 up to \$100,000
→ Conflicts with 55 ILCS 5/ Counties Code
Maximum \$1,000 per day

Mr. DelGiorno stated this memo and chart signifies that with all of the concerns that have been raised by Mr. Hanrahan's proposal, about 80% of those are already covered by either our ordinance or state law. Those issues that we do have the ability to potentially address, we have put those proposals forward with the Building and Zoning Committee through Mr. Maguire and Mr. Rader. That process is ongoing because that building permit has not obviously been applied for yet by CyrusOne. He would ask that this board not kill this development and that we move this forward and approve the zoning. Thank you.

The Chairman reminded the Board Members of the rules. Each board member can speak twice on an issue and for a total of five minutes. Mary is keeping the time.

Mr. Cahnman had a question. He was asked by a constituent about the about the water with the closed loop system, whether this water is going to be replaced at some point and if so, where would the old water go? He addressed this to both the opponents and proponents.

The proponents answered first. Mr. Bradd Hout spoke. They talked about this at the meeting and at the public forum as well. The closed loop system is set up so that if there is an issue where a portion of the system needs to be fixed, they can valve off the portions of the building that are unaffected to make the repairs. The likelihood of a full scale draining of the system is highly unlikely. If they did need to drain the system, they would bring a baker tank on site, or a couple of them, to accept the water and then send it back into the system. These facilities are set up to run 24/7/365. So the situation where they would have to actually drain and de-energize an entire cooling system in a facility would be a catastrophic issue with their system and it's not something they've seen in their portfolio.

Mr. Cahnman stated that would mean they would have to shut down the whole system and Mr. Hout agreed adding the buildings are designed to ensure that does not need to happen.

Mr. Cahnman asked the opponents if they would like to comment. Tom Davis responded by saying any containerized and re-use of a closed loop water, obviously has some additives in it. That is a good idea. Any flushing of the system and a discharge would be a terrible idea. So he would suggest that one way of approaching this is that if any of the closed loop fluids are disposed of, that they be done properly. If a permit is required, then so be it. That is something that seems unlikely but there are safeguards and he wants to stress that you cannot discharge into a ditch or even into the septic field. He hopes that helps.

Mr. Cahnman stated that this is a tough vote. He's listened carefully to the strong advocacy by both those urging a YES vote and those urging a NO vote, and he has been and always has been a strong supporter of the environment, both here and at the City Council and he's an advocate for working women and men of our county and organized labor, and always has been. They are in a tough economic environment in their county today, especially in construction. Right now there is a dearth of construction jobs in their county, and he wants to do everything he can to help their brothers and sisters in labor, while at the same time protecting the environment. The proposed data center is not in the middle of an urban area like the one in Aurora that was highlighted in the State Journal-Register and the

Illinois Times. It's planned to be built far from population center, and he was actually at the site today, and the closest home where people live is almost a mile from the proposed data center. As far as water usage was explained, he doesn't think the water usage is a problem because this is a closed loop system. CyrusOne has learned from its data centers and is taking further steps to ameliorate the noise problem. He got calls from people in Auburn saying they are afraid of the noise. From viewing the site today and the amount of miles it is to Auburn, he can't see how the noise would go that far. That's 4 or 5 miles.

The zoning board found that CyrusOne met all the criteria for the land, for the conditional permitted use. The greatest concern he has is the large amount of electricity being consumed. He didn't know that Pillsbury also used about the same amount of electricity as Mr. Delgiorno just pointed out. But he is concerned about the electric usage and the electricity consumed and the effect that may have on rates. But that is not the issue in a zoning case, and if we reject the zoning relief request of CyrusOne, CyrusOne is going to go to another downstate county and build a data center. Since we're all on the same grid, we will then still incur the increased electric costs, but reap none of the benefits generated by all the construction jobs that will be created.

He's also very glad to see that further reforms based on Attorney Hanrahan's suggestions, are on the way to tighten up our building code and other county regulations for this data center, and for all future data centers that might seek to be built. In addition, if the zoning passes this is not the end of the road as Mr. Delgiorno pointed out. CyrusOne would still need building permits and other permits to build this project. For those reasons and to support our sisters and brothers in organized labor, he plans to vote YES. He thanked the Board.

Mr. Stumpf had a question for CyrusOne and then had a statement to read. One question has been raised about the number of permanent jobs at the facility and how those positions will be filled. How will that work in practice? And how can local residents take advantage of those opportunities? And how many permanent jobs will the facility ultimately support? Can you highlight that?

CyrusOne answered. He stated there are a minimum of 100 permanent jobs created by this facility. So there are four buildings. So you figure about a minimum of 25 people working in each building. Over the course of three shifts, you know, 24/7/365, those kind of the people working in their facilities typically have mechanical, electrical, plumbing backgrounds, others have operations and management backgrounds. Those are the kind of people moving into these positions. A lot of them come from the trades and from construction backgrounds. They will hold a career fair towards the end of this year if they are able to kickstart their construction so they can start to source the permanent workforce. That's in addition to what they are doing with the unions on the pre-apprentice program that was talked about to bring new people into the construction force. They will have a career fair. They will have a job fair that will be hosted locally and they will be able to share the opportunities and invite people to come and apply and work at their facility.

Mr. Stumpf thanked them and then said he had a statement he'd like to make to all the County Board members and public that are there. At the very beginning when they had these hearings, the County Board voted for him to run the meeting. They do that for a reason because of the way he's set up as a person. He respects opponents and proponents. He doesn't care who they are or what they are or why they are. Everybody has a right to say what they want to say when they want. There have been so many hundreds of hours of discussions on all this from the opponents and the proponents. He has never said in this room or any to any of the board members whether I was for or against this project. He

wanted to hear what the opponents had to say and what the proponents had to say. Just a few days ago, he sent a note to each County Board Member with a statement, and he also responded to as many emails and texts that he could. They've had a bunch. It's great they have both sides venting and democracy is an ugly thing sometimes and sometimes it's a great thing but sometimes it's hard to get there. He just wanted to make a statement for the record of what he said and why he is for this project.

Dear constituent, with so many emails for and against the proposed data center in the Southern Sangamon County, he has created a document for them as to his position on this matter. For a better part of this last year and the beginning of this year, they as a board have heard from all the proponents, opponents and also the legal and professional staff recommendations on this data center. They had open meetings to hear about all facets of this project from everyone. They have heard at all of their zoning meetings, finance meetings, and special public hearings on this. They are to zone or not to zone this data center based on the information at hand. Springfield Sangamon County professionals state that this is a very suitable place for this project. Legal opinions concur with this. This is for zoning only. If passed, the data center would need to meet all the rules, laws and regulations of the United States government, the State of Illinois government, including the Pollution Control Board along with Sangamon County Public Health regulations, Sangamon County building codes and regulations. This project will not get off the ground if they are not in compliance with all of these entities. Zoning alone does not guarantee that this project will move forward. He believes that this project will be safe, and it is a generational project. It is a generational project that will produce many jobs, along with the much needed revenue for the surrounding taxing bodies, including schools, townships and Sangamon County. The people that build this, along with the monies going to schools, townships and such, will add an incredible amount that will transfer to communities in ways such as restaurants, gas stations, small and large businesses. This is projected to be \$100 million over 20 years or so. In light of this, he is in favor of the project. He thanked them all for their input, whether it is for or against.

Mr. Mendenhall had a question for Kathleen Campbell. He asked her to do a little research for him, and he has a question for her. His question is, will the air and noise pollution from the data center have a negative effect on bees or livestock and could it limit the development for the land in the future for someone who wants to have a livestock facility.

Ms. Campbell replied that she has been going through the literature and the research, and, yes, it indicates that will restrict the land use around it or potentially could. For example, her husband and she are organic gardeners that require honeybees. Noise and air pollution can shut down honeybee bee populations, and they've been shown that. That's been specifically shown for AI projects, data centers, for a couple of different reasons. One is the noise. It interferes with the bees communication. If someone wants to put in a honey facility or an apiary, that probably won't work. They live ten miles away, but they grow blueberries, peaches and apples. Without bees, none of that's going to happen. Increased levels of noise and pollution, can actually cause reduced colony production, brood development, foraging and navigation. Bees, as they all know, communicate. Data centers cause heat islands. They put out a lot of heat. So even though they have a closed loop system, there are heat islands around and that can also inhibit colony production.

She also did a review of livestock, and she alluded to that before. She's talked about the health impacts, including mental health impacts, but also on humans, respiratory system, neurologic system of pollutants, particularly noise and chronic noise. She added 110dB will still be perfectly audible at 3000ft. She just ran the calculations. So even though they have some noise and pollution controls, it could

adversely affect the people but also the animals. They all know dogs can hear things before they do. And the regulations that are written are written only for humans. So a dog kennel, it could be particularly problematic for something like a dog kennel, depending on the frequency output and CyrusOne understandably only addresses the human concerns that are in the state law. But for animals, that's a specific problem. Also, it impacts because some of that communication is fairly soft between a mother and their offspring for multiple species. And so it can cut down on the health of the offspring. It can also reduce the fertility in both male and female livestock animals across multiple species. So it can also result in changes in the nervous system, muscle tension, vocalization breathing changes, drooling. She feels sorry for the farmers that are going to be next to this because they might not be employed by the data center but they may very well hear the noise of the data center, at least up to 3000ft. She realizes there are not a lot of them there but corn and soybeans aren't doing well right now in the international markets. They all know this. What are their options if they want to put in a house for the child? Because most of these are multigenerational farms. They don't want to put that next to the data center with the noise and air pollution but if they want to turn that into gardening space and need pollinators, that may not happen. If they try to put in livestock operations, they could have reduced production. It reduces milk production, reduces egg production, and it reduces weight gain because it can reduce feeding. Some people will point out there are music studies that cows like music. Well, the noise put out from the data center is not Beethoven and the animals can tell the difference. The constant stress is really detrimental. She's very concerned that the people around there may not be able to repurpose their land. It may not be worth as much. They might not have as many options. And as they start trying to turn away a little bit from corn and soybeans, because what's happening internationally, they just might not have very many options going forward. So she actually feels quite sorry for them.

Mr. Mendenhall had one other comment he'd like to make. There have been several comments about the Pillsbury site. It would be a tremendous plus for the city of Springfield and local labor. Why don't they build it there? He thanked them.

Mr. Madonia had a question about CyrusOne. They hear a lot about their Aurora facility. What have they learned and what steps have they taken to address those issues, and how will this project be different from and operated differently to avoid any problems? He thanked them.

CyrusOne responded at the Aurora facility, there are a number of mitigation measures taking place that will be completed later this year. All those mitigation measures going into place on the Aurora facility are already in the design on this facility. They are also in the design on another facility they had in Aurora across the highway. Those are based on raised awareness, the evolution of understanding of noise and how they interact with these and the equipment. Secondly, it was pointed out earlier, the environment around Aurora compared to the site is drastically different. It is a more urban area, 175 to 200 residents within a half mile of that campus. Here, there are zero residents, zero occupied residences within a half mile. So naturally they are already set up better from a site selection standpoint, but also those additional measures taken to abate the noise will make this an extremely high performing facility with respect to noise.

Mr. Madonia had a question for Sean Middleton, President of the Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative. He wanted him to explain the MISO and how this is not going to affect that and explain that it has a separate power source. He asked Mr. Middleton to please explain that in layman's terms.

Mr. Middleton said it is a multi-step process just to look at the interconnection and determine the feasibility. It goes to the local transmission provider first since Ameren owns the wires. They did a full study within their footprint to know that it could serve that particular load, that magnitude at that spot on the earth with the lines encumbered. When they complete it, if it's successful, and he noted they don't pass it on until they completely sign off on it, they then submit to the MISO, the regional authority, which is twelve states and parts of Canada. They study it from a regional perspective. They look at the individual, TIO, transmission owner, and how their impact is weighed. Then they look at how it affects their impact with others around them. MISO does a very deep dive and they have their own full engineering staff to do that. On this process, they did it in two phases. They approved the first phase and then the second phase came back and they study that and certified that it met no harm, no voltage gradient degradation and no negative impacts to the grid.

Mr. Madonia asked, as a rural customer like himself, it will not raise his rates. Mr. Middleton stated that was correct. Physically, there is some physical separation in the way they serve their native load from direct delivery points at a much lower voltage compared to the main transmission artery that went through, and is one of the reasons why he knows the question came up. Why did you pick this spot? Because they were right by that great big transmission line with that massive capacity to it. It's separate from the cooperatives serving points. And as such, they are able to put a rate structure in place that allows Cyrus to go right to the market through their wholesaler and procure energy, but it's independent of how they do it for our existing members. Mr. Madonia thanked them.

County Board Member Brad Miller had a question for CyrusOne. They have emphasized building long term relationships or partnerships with the community. He asked what specific commitments, especially for things like fire district support and infrastructure improvements are already formalized in writing?

CyrusOne said throughout this entire process, they have always said they are open to community feedback and they have been trying to put together a solution for their own project with respect to infrastructure, power, jobs and people to serve this. Along the way, they are meeting different agencies and different folks that are going to serve this and finding ways to help solve a problem they have, but also their problems. He has been inspired in the conversations he has had with the local volunteer fire districts and the work they do on a daily basis. Volunteers going out to help people in the middle of the night. That is a very easy thing for them to get aligned with. They are served by Virden Fire Protection District. They are one of the taxing districts that will be serving their site and they are finding out they don't have a ladder truck. So if they come out to the site and they don't have a means of actually getting the ladder on top of the facility, that is a problem. It is a problem for them and the Virden FPD. Through that discussion they committed to buy a ladder truck. That commitment was made in writing. Through those conversations, understanding about mutual aid, about how they don't have enough resources or they may not have enough people in the middle of the night to serve a fire or an issue, this leads them to draw on the other broader communities. It is Auburn, Chatham, Waverly, and those fire districts that have equipment and training needs as well. They have also provided commitments to Auburn and Chatham in writing to make sure they are aligned with the mission that Virden needs to provide to them, but also to the broader community.

They have already talked about the commitments on the water infrastructure side with the co-op and Waverly Lake. Beyond that, the commitment to the pre-apprentice program, that's communicated in writing, and is a five year commitment to align with the construction of the project where there is a

pre-apprentice program currently in place that's funded by the state. It has enough funding right now to bring 25 pre-apprentices into the project. They are committing additional funding. It costs money to bring people into this program. Committing funding to bring ten more people each year over the next five years into that. So there are another 50 people through the apprentice program into the trades. They need workers. They need people to work at their facility, but there is also a need for people to make their way into these careers and these jobs. Finally, with early childhood education, an opportunity to introduce kids into STEM programming. And there are programs that are already in existence today that are doing a great job of this but could really increase their enrollment if they just had a partner, a corporate partner or someone to participate in what their mission is. They are closely aligned with technology, engineering, math, those are things that they want to support and they have committed in writing to do that as well. Those are the kinds of things they have committed to in writing.

Mr. Hall spoke next. He appreciates the effort that everybody has put forward in this room. Board members, proponents, opponents, labor, neighbors. He comes from experience. He's been on this board for some say too long, 25 years plus. He hopes everyone who comes before them tells them the truth. But his experience tells him NO. He'll never be remembered as a very good speaker in his community, but he's a good listener. He goes and get haircuts. He jokingly say that he buys the information, the haircuts are free. He goes to lunches. Last night he went to Waverly. Everybody in that restaurant has great concerns about Apple Creek and the water and the utilities. He's talked to almost everyone in the township that would come to the door asking their opinion one way or the other. His community of that township wants to be proven wrong, but they have such great concerns.

On Route 104 at the New Berlin Road on a Saturday about a year and a half ago, they had a motorcycle accident. An employee of the solar farm. It was an employee of that solar farm or a contractor. He hit and killed a person on a motorcycle. He's had to stand there on the highway and listen to that family talk about how Dad shouldn't have died. He went to the solar farm people the next day, and they told him that that's not their employee. That's a contractor. You need to talk to them. If this passes he and CyrusOne are going to have more conversations. More than they can imagine, because he wants to make sure there is ownership in this. And for those of them who have taken great caution on this vote, he thanks them. For those of them who drove out and saw this, he thanks them. For those of them who didn't, because you could use Google Earth, he's not happy with that.

His question is that they have gone to these entities, schools, fire departments, and what not. Have they gone to any other schools in the last two weeks? He asked the proponent.

CyrusOne said they've met in the last two weeks with the Auburn and Chatham school districts. It was information sharing for the first time. One of the comments at the last meeting was, all the school revenue is going to Macoupin, and the people who are going to work at this facility are likely to live in Auburn and Chatham and the communities closest to this. He wanted to make them aware of that. There are people that are going to be coming here and they are likely going to live in this community. If they can support the families that are going to be locating here and help ease the burden of having to increase the enrollment, they are happy to do that. He thinks he's not going to speak for the school district, but he thinks school districts in general are thrilled about increased enrollment. There are classrooms in some of these buildings that are empty. He thinks one of the schools has maybe 16 empty classrooms because of the population loss, because there have been people moving away over time. He was encouraged by the conversations with the local school districts closest to this facility that are right there up in Sangamon County.

Mr. Hall appreciated the incentives about bringing more people here to put more students in their schools. Were there other incentives, either training or monetary or anything like that, he asked?

They are contributing to the schools over the course of five years to start to cover their construction period. The schools in any non-profit for that matter, they are constantly competing for grants. When you compete for grants, there are restrictions, there are stipulations, it must be used for this. It must be done for that. It has to go to this. He doesn't run a school district. He's never been in education, but to come in and give money to an organization and say this is how you have to use it, it's not really his place, but what he does say is look, here's how they can align with their values and their mission. And if they can do that, great. But if they're telling him there is a teacher retention problem and this money needs to go to personnel instead of equipment or computers, fine. That is fine with him. Keep the teachers there, pay them an extra bonus, give them a little bit more. More money would solve their personnel problem. If they don't have enough money for computers, spend it there. It is about providing a resource to solve a problem for people who are going to serve your project. They are going to serve them by serving the families that work for them, whether it is the construction force that is there or the permanent force that's there. They want alignment with their local communities. He wants the schools who are around them, the fire districts around them, the Farm Bureau who they have also talked to. If they have an issue with mud traffic and someone is complaining, he wants them to come to him and talk to him about it and have them solve the problem before they go to the Board or to someone else. It's the kind of relationships through this entire process they have been trying to form and create this alignment. That was the point of his last two meetings with those two school districts. That was in direct response to feedback they heard at the previous meeting.

Mr. Hall said he spoke to the school superintendent over in Waverly this morning and I asked him if he had a conversation and he said, NO. Are they only speaking to the school districts of Sangamon County, or are they speaking to adjacent districts? Just on the other side of this property is the school district of Waverly, who is struggling. How did they choose Auburn and Chatham and not the district adjacent to this property?

CyrusOne said they have a significant commitment to community benefit allocated to Waverly. Obviously, it helps them to have a reliable water source. In that conversation with the Mayor, the things they talked about is the water source over the course of the past ten to twenty years has slowly eroded and become shallower. The former lakefront properties are now land front properties and there is a real issue with water dependability for the long term. Their facility is going to be built, turned on and run for the next 30 to 40 years. If the lake has an issue in five or ten years, it is their issue. They are coming in and they want to fix it now. They talk about the lake as a water source, as a utility. The reality is it is also a big recreational source for the community. There are people that fish there, that camp there, that boat there. Someone told him that dredging would buy that lake another hundred years. That has been his focus with the leadership in Waverly. He is not going to speak for them. That has been good enough for now. He thinks if there are other ways to align or there are other things that people are presenting to me, he will listen, just like he has listened throughout this entire process. And if there's a way to align, they will align for sure.

Mr. Hall said he has heard years ago and he has used it so many times, but you know you did a good job when everybody walks away equally happy. He wonders if they are close. The people who live the closest to this are probably the most vulnerable in the county. These are people that work two jobs

to make ends meet. These are people who have to drive at an all time expensive time to drive with the cost of fuel and vehicles and everything. He just walks so cautiously because of his past experience and if this passes tonight, he hopes they prove his community wrong. But his community has been fibbed to before. On the other side of the county line, there's a wind farm over in Morgan County, and he talked to farmers in the last couple of days, and they said that if they had a choice, they wouldn't put one of these wind farms on their farmland again because it has changed ownerships. The promises are not there. He guesses it's really not a question. It's prove them wrong but they're going to have to prove it to them.

Mr. Guyton thanked the proponents and opponents, the public, laborers and union members. He really appreciates them as well as the rest of the board. He believes they all appreciate the effort that has gone into these conversations. There is a lot of uncertainty amongst the community, amongst the constituents that he represents. They are concerned about a number of things. The rising prices, the uncertainties, the way that many data centers, some under CyrusOne's name, how they've affected the communities and left problems that cannot easily be fixed. He does have to wonder about how this information is being pitched to them. So his first question is for rural electric regarding the studies of the MISO grid. How long were these studies conducted? Over what period of time and when was the last time that there was a look or an update on those?

The proponents responded saying Ameren forecasted when they were starting studies was three months. It took them probably six. It took them quite a while to do their independent study. When they submitted to MISO, he would say the first phase was something similar to that 4 to 6 months and March is when they finally got the approval on that. Phase Two then took probably four months for the first one. He thinks it took 6 or 7 months for the second phase. It has taken MISO quite a while to finalize those study pieces.

Mr. Guyton had some follow-up questions. He asked in respect to the MISO grid, how long has that grid existed in its current state?

The proponents answered. He didn't know the inception date. The ISO's were started probably in the late 90s. The co-op has been here since 1936. What they call independent system operators started with a FERC proceeding, which is the federal government and that would have been in the late 90s. So that structure came about after deregulation. They wanted to have traffic cops. There are many of those. MISO is just in the Midwest. There is New York ISO, there is PJM, that's Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland. They hear a lot about them in the news. There are many of these organizational bodies. They've been doing the traffic cop job for several decades now.

Mr. Guyton said he had some alarm bells ringing in his head. Partially because as they've come to know, there are hotspots that are a result of these AI and data centers being built. They also have come to a point where environmentally, they have to acknowledge the climate is getting very hot. It's not something that is just incremental. They are seeing records almost daily. In regards to the temperatures they are experiencing, they are record highs. They are seeing a lot of storm cells develop because of this and also brownouts and blackouts. He knows they can't control those. Those are systems or things that happen, acts of gods, etc. For he and the constituents that have raised questions, they're concerned about how are they going to fit all of this together. How will they make sure it's reliable and it's not going to cause more issues for people who are trying to make ends meet. Utility bills are extra high right now. There is a lot of electronic demand, and he does understand the need for expanding the electrical

capacity. If they continue to expand it or if they continue to add on to it without continually expanding it, that means there is going to be less energy that is available for people. Keeping in mind that all of these things are in play, and people are now being penny pinched daily and they have heard some of the laborers are having trouble making ends meet, how can they assure them that this project is going to cause Sangamon County's financial situation to grow, both as a county and individually? How can they assure their selves this will bring in more revenue when they are talking about 25 jobs per building over three shifts.

John Hatem, President of CyrusOne responded. He said they can't address all of the issues climate wise. What they can talk about is this project, right? They have had all the experts under oath to tell them this is not going to raise the rates. The investment they will make here if the zoning gets approved today, is billions of dollars of investment and that billions of dollars of investment will bring economic growth. They have been doing this for 25 years. They have done this in other communities. They did have their issues in Aurora. They are spending tens of millions of dollars to remediate that and it will be fixed. He has sat in front of the community in Aurora and told them the same thing and they talk to them every month.

He asked Mr. Guyton about where the hotspots from AI data centers are? He explained that many of these AI data centers haven't even been constructed yet. He just wants to be careful about what they do with the grid operators and how they operate the data center. He told Board Member Hall he could challenge them anytime he wants. He wants the board to challenge them. They want to be transparent with them. He can't speak to climate change. He can speak to the fact that energy production is more or less infinite, right? If there is demand for electricity, solar farms, wind farms, and nuclear gas plants are built. It is not a limited resource from a perspective of if CyrusOne uses some, there is not going to be any left for anybody else. If all of these AI data centers show up and use the power, more generation will be built to support that. The grid has grown for 100 years. Demands of electricity have grown for 100 years. Generation has always followed that to make sure that the capacity was there.

Mr. Guyton thanked him and said there are reports of data centers and their temperature reading climbing yearly. This is not something that is just hearsay. It has been scientifically studied.

Mr. Hatem interjected and apologized. When Mr. Guyton said hotspots, he thought he was talking about on the grid not specifically temperature.

Mr. Guyton also apologized for not being clear and said he is speaking about the temperatures, which, if they are going to consider Sangamon County and the farmland that's going to be used, they also have to keep in mind that that is cornfield. They have experienced hot summers and corn sweat that raises temperatures in itself.

The Chairman called time and Mr. Guyton yielded.

Mr. Ayers spoke next. He thanked the Chairman, the audience, members of the public, the proponents and the opponent. His question will mainly be for the proponents for CyrusOne. Earlier tonight there was an hour allocated to public comment, and did CyrusOne ever instruct any of those members that spoke in favor to quote, "CyrusOne folks have asked us to sign up early for this, to try to take the opposition spots in the order." Did CyrusOne instruct proponents to sign up early to take the

opposition spots so that these folks couldn't speak? He said he will make sure a copy of this is sent to board members and members of the press that he just received tonight. He thanked them for saying NO, they did not send that, but clearly someone did send that.

Mr. Hout wanted to know who the email was from. Mr. Ayers said it was from IBEW Local 193. Mr. Hout stated that is not CyrusOne. Mr. Ayers said they were saying they were instructed by Mr. Hout to fill up the opposition slots. He instructed Mr. Ayers to read the email.

Mr. Ayers read; "Good morning brothers. I am sending over the link for public comment at the upcoming Sangamon County Board meeting on April 7th at 6 p.m. at the BOS center. The CyrusOne folks have asked us to sign up early for this to try to take the opposition spots in the order." And it goes on, and is signed by the member of the Union. He asked Mr. Hout if that was not true?

Mr. Hout responded by saying he thinks it's fair for people who want to get supporters to speak, to let them know that it helps their cause. Obviously, there has been a great amount of work done on both sides of this. On the proponent and opponent side, to have their members speak and to have the numbers come out here, because it obviously has a lot of attention. He thinks it's fair for the members, the proponents, to bring their members here to speak and support and for the opponents to do the same. This is something they have been doing for the past several public hearings.

Mr. Ayers added that furthermore, they had an opportunity to extend public debate that was rejected. It is a stain on this body once again. They should be allowing everyone to speak tonight if they are opposed to this project. Let them speak. That's why he is sitting in this seat. But to load up oppo spots so they can limit debate to get favorable comments in favor of their project, that's pretty disturbing information.

Moving on to his second point, he wanted to know how long has CyrusOne had Sangamon County in their sights for a project? How long have they been looking at Sangamon County for this project?

Mr. Hout said he doesn't recall the specific time when they were made aware of this opportunity. It wasn't part of a broader strategy to say, let's go target Sangamon County. They are brought opportunities daily from people who have a very firm understanding of infrastructure, of land, of where power is available and they have relationships across the entire industry with people who understand the grid, who understand the availability of power and they were brought this opportunity, from a group that understands these things. It was more or less understanding that there is capacity available here, there is infrastructure available here, which is what he has said from the beginning was one of the things that that drove them here. They were made aware of that. And learning more about it is when they decided to engage in and learn more about the opportunity. That was maybe a few months before they submitted the application for the rezoning. There were a number of months of due diligence where they had to do field work, some preliminary surveys, civil engineering and those sort of things. So he would say it's probably sometime in the middle of 2025.

Mr. Ayers stated that before they changed their zoning they knew they were coming here. Mr. Hout said NO. Mr. Ayers said what he is getting at by asking that question is another member commented tonight that they should have a crystal ball that they change the zoning back in July of 2025

and then three months later they are at their doorstep. But they knew they were coming here before July of 2025. He asked Mr. Hout if that was correct.

Mr. Hout said he can't speak to their own zoning determination process. It was a unanimously approved data center ordinance because there was not enough awareness or engagement. They have run through the regulatory regulations and the additional regulations that they are complying with. He's not going to comment on what process they went through when that data center ordinance was originally considered and adopted and eventually approved.

Mr. Ayers said that again, that is his problem. There are men and women in this room that knew you were coming here before July of 2025. They knew it. This project doesn't take just a couple of months to plan. It takes well over that to come here. They knew they were coming here before July of 2025. They chose not to tell any of them on this board about that so they could not change their zoning in time to fix these problems. So now they have to rely upon the State. They want the Power Act to pass. They want their foot in the door so they can't change the zoning. That's why they're here. Is that correct? He asked him to tell him this is only a two month project that they had planned.

Mr. Hout said they do not make a decision to come here 12 to 18 months in advance. There are a lot of boxes to check. Obviously, before they can decide if they are going to go to a place, the second they find out about an opportunity doesn't mean you go there. They have to run through the power studies. They have to have community engagement. They have to meet locally. They have to do a site plan. They have to run through a public forum. They have to run through a zoning board of appeals. They have to get the County Board approval. To say they knew, whenever he's surmising they knew they were coming, is false.

Mr. Ayers asked if the entire project from inception to him sitting there today was only a couple of months of work? Mr. Hout said NO. He knew about the zoning change when they were starting to apply for the permit.

Mr. Ayers responded by saying it was sheer coincidence then, that it just so happened that they changed the zoning three months later and here they are. They had no clue about coming to Sangamon County before that.

Mr. Hout said they knew about many, many opportunities and they were evaluating all of them. To say they were gaming something is false. They were aware of the project. They were aware of many, many projects. People make them aware of projects where these kind of conversations are happening, and people are considering data center ordinances and setting up data centers. If they pass the data center ordinance for them, it is usually okay, there is support and there are guidelines for data center development in this county. It is encouraged to a degree. They appreciate that. There at least was a dialogue and awareness around standards before they showed up. Other places won't do that and have a different approach. The passage of the data center ordinance was a good signal that, okay, there's been some thought and some dialogue here about the industry. There is something to step into.

Mr. Ayers said he really hopes they are going to be a good neighbor to member Hall. That is the District most impacted by this. But they, in this county, love talking about comparables. They are comparable to Aurora. Those residents don't know a moment's rest because of their data center. They

can't sleep. Their homes vibrate and buzz. I hope they prove them wrong but so far they have not. Q3 of this year is ridiculous. They have to put up with that noise until Q3 of this year. It has been happening for over a year and they want to expand and come here and expect them to just take it when this is four times larger than the one in Aurora. They have a lot of minds to sway. He hopes they can sway them. And he hopes if this is approved, they prove him wrong tonight.

Board Member Small had some questions. She wanted to say she's backing Mr. Ayers, because there was an article in Illinois Times saying this started in 2024. It seems like they were just getting ready to come and push something down their throats. Then they send an invitation to the minorities on the County Board to come and educate them so they'll know the benefits and what's going to happen on the East side. She's heard them mention Waverly, Auburn, Chatham, and no Springfield. So what are they planning on doing for Springfield that they wanted them to come out to educate them? What do you have for them?

Mr. Hout said they have jobs. Will people from Springfield work at this facility? Will people from Springfield build this facility? They have had a number of speakers here talking. He imagines some or most of these people live in Springfield. The PLA, or project labor agreement, is about using local union workforce. Local means Springfield. It means Sangamon. It means this region. There is a project labor agreement to use local work and the laughter about jobs is disheartening because they are real. They are real jobs and they are real opportunities. And there are real pathways from an apprenticeship to a journeyman over the course of the next five years for the people that wish to work on this project.

Ms. Small said past practices have been showing at the other data centers that most of the workers aren't even from the city where they live. Where are you building it at? So where are the workers coming from? They have a PLA with what other county or what other state are you going to bring them in?

Mr. Hout said in Chicago they come from the Chicagoland region. They have facilities that are in remote areas. They are driven by the location of infrastructure. In Texas, they can be in pretty rural areas. They can be in places that are vast ranch lands or open space, but there is infrastructure there. In Bosque County, Texas, they have 700 to 1000 people working there. Are they all from Bosque County? No, they have to come from somewhere else. The benefit of being here in Springfield with the population base they have and the strong union workforce, is it's better to step into. It is a workforce and it is a talent pool that they can draw from. When they bring people from the coast, their tenants come into their facilities in Chicago and they look at the workmanship done by the union hands, they're amazed. They get so many compliments about how everything aligns perfectly. The craftsmanship, this little detail, that little thing, things you don't see in other places. Illinois is known for their workforce and for their labor pool. And it's no different here in Central Illinois. Having this talent pool here and these people with the skill sets ready to deliver on this project is a huge asset to a project like theirs. It's something they are thrilled and excited to tap into.

Ms. Douglas-Williams spoke next. She sits here and listens to a whole bunch of everything. She's been on the committee for Zoning. They did solar, wind, and they listened and then everything was gone. And when anyone had any problems they didn't have anyone to speak to. Her thing is she wants to do something different. The old saying is, if you see something, say something. Well, she is going to say something. She is more concerned about their babies and what will they have left over from taking all the land and making data centers, whatever they want to call them. And what happens to those kids?

See, because at 77, she will be gone. She is not crazy. God did not bring them here to keep them here forever. So what happens to these babies? The grandkids. The great grandkids. The grandkids after that. Who is actually looking out for them? Besides them running around, getting labor and everything. She's a union person. Have been for a long time with the State of Illinois. The simple fact is, it is about somebody else and until they start believing in themselves as God's children and they start taking care of each other, they are always going to have problems because somebody else has a little bit more to give than somebody has to lose.

And if they are really serious, think about the future. This doesn't stop just here. What about those babies that are coming up? Where are they going to work? AI is going to do what? Educate our children and then their kids don't have any skills because they go to the phone to find out what is to be taught. They take away jobs, and they lose so much because of somebody's bright idea that they need more data service because they have so much information out there. They have a whole lot of information. They have a whole lot of cheap information. But when they sit back and think about it, do me a favor - think about these babies that are coming up. They are just not going to stop here in Illinois. They may come where they live. So they need to seriously think about what do they do for the upcoming children. And she understood the water, the electricity, all of that. But she very, very seldom heard about what? About these babies? Because they are going to need a job, too. They are going to have a family. They are going to need a house. So when they run around here trying to act like everything is okay, it's really not because this is a crazy world right now and it's getting worse and they have to think bigger than today April the 7th, 2026.

Ms. Lathan next spoke. She was on the zoning committee when the conversation first started. She does understand Mark Ayers concerns and position and she can't speak to that, but she understands where there are red flags raised in regard of what came first and how they got to this point, but she also knows that she represents a district that has many challenges. She represents a district that has a lot of opportunities, a lot of people with potential that with the right opportunities their whole life could change. She also knows and believes the lady sitting in the yellow who talked about the responsibility in terms of health and the environment. As a public health professional, those were some of her immediate concerns in terms of what is this going to do to the environment. She really started to dig deep and get in the weeds around the water and she learned about the benefits of the lake and how those resources weren't available. From an environmental standpoint, those resources would be able to change the ecosystem in that area. She also raised questions about the internal water system and that was very beneficial. She also was concerned because she owns property, she has a home and she has a family and their utility bills are increasing. That's the reality they live in. She also learned more about the co-op and how that system works, and that over time there will be a reduction in utility costs, because that is definitely not the system as a resident of Springfield that she has access to in terms of utilities.

Going back to her community, if anyone knows her, they know that consistently she has always done work around STEM; science, technology, engineering, and math for their children. That was a priority for her because it doesn't make a lot of sense to build a data center, but not be able to train their children in innovation and technology so they can not only be operators in those systems, but be able to interface from a career standpoint. When she started to have conversations with CyrusOne, those were her priorities in terms of what are some of the services that they will be able to do for community benefit.

She comes from a union family. She is very proud to have been raised in a household where her dad got up when it was cold outside, so cold he was putting two and three layers of long johns on. The snow was up high, and he was getting up every day to make sure he was taking care of his family. Her uncles are electricians. She has an uncle who is a laborer. Her ex-husband is a journeyman carpenter, so she understands how labor can change your life and add that value.

She also knows that in the district she represents, there are many men and women who if they had those opportunities, it would be life changing for them. Those were some of the conversations that she had. She had conversations regarding what is the PLA agreement going to look like? How is it going to benefit the people who live in her community? How is it going to benefit the people who live in Sangamon County? Do they have the workforce in Sangamon County to meet this long term need for 4 to 6 years? As a business owner, another issue that was of concern to her was recognizing there are vendors necessary to occupy this space. Those vendors look like landscapers, maintenance workers and IT individuals. Her conversations centered around not only the 100 permanent jobs, but also as business owners, they are creating opportunities as vendors for businesses to expand and grow their businesses as well as provide living wage job opportunities. She appreciates all the questions. Some of the questions have been challenging, some of the questions may have offended some people but they need to have these conversations. She may not agree with everyone and everyone may not agree with her, but she does appreciate everyone coming out.

Ms. Fulgenzi had some questions for CyrusOne. Illinois is in kind of a unique situation where the current Governor has really pushed renewables. With that, she believes they have had less investment in power generation because the coal and gas fired plants are, she thinks going to be ceasing by 2045. She is not sure that is practical, but that is what she has been told. One of her big concerns is with the utility rates and power generation. She knows that they have heard from the experts that there is capacity. However, she is also hearing rumors about a data center coming in every cornfield from here to the tip of southern Illinois. All of those are large consumers of electricity. They hear all the time about their CWLP in Springfield and their capacity and having to shut down Dallman and all these things. So her question is have they looked at the Illinois Power Act and have they taken a position on it?

CyrusOne responded that they have been hearing rumblings about it and understand it is in various stages of debate. Until something is actually approved and passed, it's much like a lot of other things they hear about that are proposed or are talked about at a legislative level.

Ms. Fulgenzi said she can't get a clear answer because it depends on who you ask whether or not this data center would be subject to the Power Act if it passes next month. She has seen legislation where they write in dates constructed before this date or after that date. Whether or not they would be subject to the requirements of the Power Act. She would love for them to say that they're going to comply with whatever the state passes, even if they're grandfathered out.

The other question she had was has CyrusOne or any of their folks taken the federal pledge to increase power generation?

CyrusOne (Mr. Hatem) said they are all talking about it. He said it is a little misguided. This is his opinion, but, telling a data center, they have to go build their own generation creates a whole bunch of environmental issues that they are avoiding right now. Because they are connecting to the grid and the grid has solar on it, it has wind on it, it has gas. Most of the coal is going to be gone and it has nuclear on

it. They invest in solar projects across the country. They actually fund that project through a PPA (Power Purchase Agreement). If that opportunity existed right now, they would definitely look at it. Solar development has definitely stalled due to federal regulations. They have a carbon free goal by 2030 for the company. He thinks the most important thing for that piece is their tenants are the largest purchasers of renewable energy in the world, by like 20 times any other industry. Typically, in this type of facility, those customers will actually procure their own power and green their own power to make sure that it is carbon free.

Ms. Fulgenzi is very concerned that if the private industry doesn't commit to increasing the power generation capacity by paying for that they will ultimately have to build new power plants or fund those things. And Illinois, even though they have this push for solar and wind from what she understands, they are not a prime location for either one of those things. She was just hoping to hear that there was something that they are actively pursuing with regard to power generation.

Mr. Hatem responded. Every data center developer is looking at active power generation. In most locations, they can't call the power company and get a study done in 12 months. In most locations, that is 3 to 7 years. For a lot of those locations for developers like them and the large tech companies, there is a huge effort right now to build generation. Ultimately, the goal is that that generation connects to the grid. Private companies are going to fund all of this generation, and that will compel the utilities to connect to that generation. So they have capacity for it. But this has to be balanced, right? If the data centers build all the generation and connected only to their data center, then does the grid actually need more capacity? So it is a very challenging regulatory conversation. And they are having it. Obviously, the Illinois Power Act, they are having it in Texas. They are having it in Virginia. It's a real thing, but generation is going to get built for data centers in the short term, not at this site, but in the short term.

Ms. Fulgenzi feels like their community is oftentimes saying NO to economic development projects when they really should say YES. This one, she is still for it, but she is also against it. It is a very tough decision to make and for everybody on the Board, she holds nobody's decision against them. She thinks they all are struggling and for all of them out there, they have heard them loud and clear, angry and happy. Ultimately, it falls on them to make the decision and it is not an easy one. She hopes they will respect that.

Ms. Small wanted to make a comment to all the County Board Members. Look out there. Those are their constituents. They work for them. They don't work for the companies coming in and trying to buy them. They work for them. So she asks them all to think about their constituents. She thanked them.

The Chairman said he was seeing no one else wishing to speak on the subject and will call the question on the resolution. Those wishing to grant the zoning will vote YES. Those wishing to oppose the zoning will vote NO. He asked the Clerk to call the roll. On the question, the YEAS were 17, the NAYS were 10 with one abstaining. The Yea votes were Cahnman, Constant, Davsko, Deaner, DelGiorno, Fraase, Fulgenzi, Krell, Lathan, Madonia, McGuire, Miller, Rader, Schackmann, Stumpf, Tjelmeland and Truax. The Nay votes were Ayers, Deppe, Douglas-Williams, Forsyth, Guyton, Hall, Mendenhall, Scaife, Sheppard and Small. Mr. Thomas abstained. The resolution was adopted and the zoning was granted.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving a County Bridge Petition #455, Section 26-24118-00-DR for Springfield Township on Dorlan Avenue between MacArthur Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall to place Resolution 1 before the Board. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 27 Yeas – 0 Nays. Mr. Ayers had left the meeting. Resolution 1 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution in Support of a Vision Zero Action Plan Approach for Road Safety

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to place Resolution 2 before the Board. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays and 1 Abstention. Resolution 2 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2026-002 Larry Williams, 2400 North 4th Street, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and a Variance. County Board Member Annette Fulgenzi, District #17.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland to place Resolution 3 before the Board. The Chairman noted that they are entering the zoning portion of the meeting and it is the Board's policy to ask if there are members of the audience who wish to speak in opposition or in support of the proposed rezoning and variances.

Mr. Larry Williams, the petitioner, addressed the Board. He owns the property right in front of the parcel they are talking about at 2431 North Fifth. He owns a pallet recycling business. He buys pallets from companies, repairs them and sells them to other companies that buy used pallets. He needed more room. This parcel became available. It's right around a half an acre. He intends to build a building because he needs more space to do his business.

Ms. Fulgenzi said she had already talked to Mr. Williams and his wife about it and she understands their position. Her comment is, and she has talked to many of the board members about this, she has no objection to the use they have for their business on the property. What she does have an objection to is the change of zoning to Industrial. She feels it is the wrong decision for that area in her District. They then don't have controls over what types of businesses come in the future. So she is opposed to it. From what she understands, if they deny this today they can come back for a Use Variance. She'd also like the staff to take a look at B3 because she thinks they possibly fit within B3 as well. She is asking for NO votes, but would like them to vote however they feel they need to.

Mr. Fraase asked Mr. Williams what his intentions are for the corner? Is he going to clean the corner up and get those pallets away from the corner? He thinks he's actually on the right of way a little bit.

Mr. Williams said they have done a lot of it and there are a couple of more areas that they are working on. So yes, he intends to do that.

Mr. Fraase wonders why he thinks he needs Industrial zoning.

Mr. Williams said 2431 is Industrial and he'll be doing the same thing with the other property. In addition, it's zoned Residential, but there are no other residential buildings next to it. McCloughlan Excavation is his neighbor. If you go down there, it's all businesses and industrial. He doesn't understand why the Residential needs to stay because he has no intention of anyone living in that house. They are just using it for storage right now.

He just wants to follow the correct zoning procedures. The zoning commission voted that it was appropriate to do that. He understands Ms. Fulgenzi's concerns, but it is not a very big parcel. She mentioned an asphalt plant, but an asphalt plant takes up about five acres. This parcel is a half an acre. His parcel is another half an acre. So combine them and it's only one acre. He doesn't understand why it's going to be a problem. That is his position. He wants it zoned the same as his other piece of property. McCloughlan, is his friend and neighbor down there and he doesn't know how it's zoned, but it's being used as industrial.

Mr. Fraase thinks it is zoned as Industrial.

Mr. Williams says it's consistent. He would think that there would be more of a problem if it was Industrial and he was trying to get it zoned Residential. He can't imagine anybody living there but that's just his opinion.

Mr. Cahnman asked professional staff if there was some other way to allow Mr. Williams to do the use he wants without rezoning the property.

Professional staff said the other option would be that if they deny it tonight, he has every right to apply for a Use Variance. Generally, right at the beginning of a case, only staff has the opportunity to recommend approval of a Use Variance. When they looked at this specific case, they noted the trend in the area and that the City of Springfield Comprehensive Plan designated the area for Industrial. And while this is unincorporated, they still take that into consideration when they write their staff analysis. They felt a use variance was not necessary because the proposed one was in coordination with his existing parcel and with the trend in the area.

Mr. Cahnman asked if Mr. Williams was correct in saying that all the properties surrounding the parcel are zoned industrial.

Professional staff said that is incorrect actually. The only one that is zoned Industrial would be his current parcel right now. The other ones are maybe industrial use but still also zoned R2 just like these four specific parcels that he is requesting the rezoning for right now.

Ms. Fulgenzi wanted to elaborate so they understand her position. If they know this location, it is directly across from the rodeo arena. It is one block from Lincoln Park where kids are playing. She feels Industrial is too intense of a use for it being so close to the State Fairgrounds, the park and in those nice neighborhoods. She would prefer to go the route of doing the variance versus changing zoning which would mean we have absolutely no say for the next business that comes in to that property. She has been consistent with anyone who has come to her with zoning cases in this stretch. It's between the OEM building and the corner of Fifth and Sangamon. She had a warehouse that came to her, and she told them the same thing. She doesn't feel comfortable making it Industrial where they have no way to vet the use that comes into that property. They would not have to come to us for anything. They could just set up shop.

Mr. Krell said there is more than that business out there. There is Ley Metals which is right off the fairgrounds. There is Flatts, right across from the Fairgrounds. The whole area there is Industrial, maybe not the Park but at the end of the Park there is nothing there. He thinks it would be a good fit for Mr. Williams business.

The Chairman asked if there were any other questions or comments from members of the Board on the Zoning. Seeing none, the Chairman asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 17 Yeas votes and 8 Nays votes. Resolution 3 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2026-003 Alan Withrow, 3652 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman – Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member Casey Constant, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Constant, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall to place Resolution 4 before the Board. The Chairman asked if there were members of the audience who wished to speak in opposition or in support of the proposed rezoning and variances. There were none. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 4 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2026-004 Kenneth Millburg, 11000 Block of Catholic Cemetery Road, Glenarm – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member Jeffrey Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall to place Resolution 5 before the Board. The Chairman asked if there were members of the audience who wished to speak in opposition or in support of the proposed rezoning and variances. There were none. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 5 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2026-005 TJ Heritage LLC and Aamir Banday, 5000 Block of Old Salem Lane, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member Tom Fraase Jr. District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall to place Resolution 6 before the Board. The Chairman asked if there were members of the audience who wished to speak in opposition or in support of the proposed rezoning and variances. There were none. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 6 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Intergovernmental Agreement between County of Sangamon and Village of New Berlin Related to Building and Property Code Inspections, Permitting, and Violations.

A motion was made by Mr.Schackmann, seconded by Mr. Hall to place Resolution 7 before the Board. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 7 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

8. Resolution Approving the Street Name Change for a Portion of Oak Grove Road to Mueth Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall to place Resolution 8 before the Board. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 8. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 8 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

9. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Community Resources from Central Illinois Staffing, a Manpower Corporation for the purpose of providing temporary employees to the staff in the amount of \$80,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Truax, seconded by Mr. Casey to place Resolution 9 before the Board. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 9. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolution 9 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to waive the ten-day filing period. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 10

10. Resolution approving a grant application for the Department of Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the State Opioid Response grant in the amount of \$675,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Schackmann, seconded by Mr. Davsko to place Resolution 10 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 11 – 15 with Resolution 10. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 11 – 15.

RESOLUTIONS 11 - 15

11. Resolution approving a grant application for the Department of Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Disease Intervention Specialist Workforce Development grant in the amount of \$32,000.00.
12. Resolution approving a grant application for Court Services from Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Family Violence Coordinating Council grant in the amount of \$49,000.00.
13. Resolution approving a grant application for Court Services from Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Adult Redeploy Illinois grant in the amount of \$510,948.00
14. Resolution approving a grant application for Court Services from State of Illinois Department of Human Services for the Juvenile Redeploy Illinois grant in the amount of \$326,480.00.

15. Amendment to building lease with Helping Hands of Springfield Inc.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 10 - 15. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolutions 10 - 15 were adopted.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 16

16. Professional Services agreement with Garfield Public/Private for services related to the expansion of the BOS Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 16 before the Board. Mr. Stumpf moved to add a resolution for the approval of the Professional Services Predevelopment agreement for the Convention Center headquarters, Hotel and Bank of Springfield Center expansion that was previously provided to all of the Board Members. The bottom line on this one is, and Mr. McFadden can explain it if needed, but the monies that would have come back to them through the bonding powers would not have happened without the new language. Nothing else has changed in the contract except the very front.

Mr. McFadden explained that what they have done is inserted language into the resolution that will allow when the bonds are issued for the project, the County can be reimbursed for expenses. This contract represents about \$100,000 worth of work. There is IRS required language that the Board needs to approve so that when they issue bonds, they can go back and reimburse ourselves.

The Chairman clarified that the motion is to amend the language to ensure that the County can obtain reimbursement. Mr. Madonia seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous on the Amendment to Resolution 16 with the exception of Mr. Hall and Mr. Guyton who voted NO. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 16. A voice vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Hall and Mr. Guyton who voted NO. Resolution 16 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17

17. Resolution creating a Community Mental Health Board pursuant to the authority granted in 55 ILCS 5/5-1006.5 and 405 ILCS 20/3a of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Schackmann, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 17 before the Board. Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 17. A voice vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Hall who would like to be recognized as voting NO. After the March 17th election, he went through the election results and out of

the area that he represents, there was only one precinct that was in favor of this. The majority of his district didn't think they should do this. Resolution 17 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 18

18. A resolution imposing a Special Retailers' Occupation Tax for Mental Health pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 55, Act 5, Section 5-1006.5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

A motion was made by Mr. Schackmann, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 18 before the Board.

Mr. Cahnman wondered when the tax will start. Mr. McFadden said if the Board approves it prior to May 1st, the tax goes into effect July 1st.

Mr. Hall said he'd like to be recognized as voting NO on Resolution 18 for the same reason being that no one in his district except a small minority was in favor of this. He added in case anyone is not paying attention, this is an increase in tax. Yes – it is only for the people who are going to use the hotels. But he keeps hearing over the years that agriculture and tourism is their number one industry. He wanted to please be marked as NO. The Chairman reminded him they hadn't voted yet. Mr. Cahnman noted this is a sales tax not a hotel tax.

A voice vote was unanimous with the exception of Mr. Constant, Mr. Fraase and Mr. Hall. Resolution 18 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 19

19. A resolution in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 19 before the Board. Mr. Madonia then made a motion to amend the resolution to include the 100 year anniversary of Route 66. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hall.

Chairman Van Meter stated they need this committee. He said Ms. Fulgenzi will co-chair it with Mr. DelGiorno. The 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is only about three months away. They need to come up with something to do to recognize it. They need committee members. He said anyone interested in working on this or the Route 66 issue, which has a little more time, please tell Mary, because they would like to get this committee together as quickly as possible to explore what they might do for both of these commemorations.

A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Mr. Madonia’s amendment. Mr. Madonia then moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 19. Resolution 19 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 20

20. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for ETSD from Hinshaw Attorneys at Law for ongoing legal services in the amount of \$60,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Rader, seconded by Mr. Davsko, to place Resolution 20 before the Board. Mr. Cahnman asked for what project was the legal bill. The Chairman stated it is for an annual contract.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 20. Resolution 20 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

A. Appointments

Appointment of Brian McFadden, to the Mid-Illinois Medical District Commission, for a term expiring April, 2031.

Appointment of Brent Ellis, filling the unexpired term of Dean Williams, to the Historic Preservation Commission, for a term expiring June, 2026.

Appointment of Theresa Smith, to the Board of Health, for a term expiring February, 2029.

Appointment of Brian Brewer, to the Sangamon Mass Transit Board, for a term expiring February, 2031.

A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in May were also submitted.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE REPORTS ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to put reports on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to recess the meeting to May 12, 2026. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk