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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

MAY 12, 2026

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on May 12, 2026 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Mr. DelGiorno gave the Invocation and Mr. Rader led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 3 Absent. Mr. Constant, Ms. Sheppard and Mr. Stumpf were excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

The Chairman recognized Kim Jackson and the Information Systems Department for the outstanding job they do for the County.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, for approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 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.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the purchase of traffic marking paint from Ozark Materials from the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract in the amount of \$160,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. McGuire to place Resolution 1 before the Board. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays. Resolution 1 was adopted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving the purchase of glass beads from Potters Industries from the Potters Industries from the State of Illinois Joint Purchasing Contract in the amount of \$32,400.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Ms. Scaife, to place Resolution 2 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 3 – 4 with Resolution 2. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 – 4.

RESOLUTIONS 3 - 4

3. Resolution approving a Construction Engineering contract with Kuhn & Trello Consulting Engineers for the MacArthur Boulevard Extension project in the amount of \$653,173.
4. Resolution amending the Sangamon County Code by amending Title 15 Buildings and Construction.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. Mr. DelGiorno asked if Trustin Harrison from Zoning could give a summary of Resolution 4. Mr. Harrison stated the first change allows the building code official to make interpretations. In the event, they get to a situation that requires outside resources such as an engineering firm, they will have the authority to outsource that work.

Section 107.2.1.2 deals with data centers. Part of data center's plan submission is to provide modeling that states they are going to meet local, state and federal codes. They are putting in language to make it clear and not assumed or presumed.

Section 107.3.4.2 deals with testing. It is testing of what would be the local, state and federal regulations for sound and vibration. Once the project begins, they can ask them to do a baseline and once the project ends they can be required to show the testing that was provided in the original application. If they do not meet the standards, they can hold off issuing the occupancy permit. That gives them a little bit of control and authority through the process.

The other changes deal with the fees. They didn't change the fees themselves but added some clarity. They added fire sprinklers to their trade permits. They always felt it was assumed, but they wanted to clarify it. The same reasoning applied to adding battery storage and backup generators.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 - 4. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolutions 2 – 4 were adopted.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

- 5. 2026-007 Macy Morrison, 6136 Basse Rd, New Berlin – Denying a Rezoning, and Granting a Use Variance with a Condition and Variances. County Board Member Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Hall 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.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

- 6. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Community Resources from Central Illinois Staffing, A Manpower Corporation for the purpose of finding temporary employees for various office duties in the amount of \$80,000/annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Truax, seconded by Ms. Lathan to place Resolution 6 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 7 – 11 with Resolution 6. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 7 – 11.

RESOLUTIONS 7 - 11

- 7. Resolution authorizing the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance to enter into a contract with Fishes & Loaves Vocational and Literacy Center for the purpose of providing out-of-school youth services to 25 youth participants in the amount of \$204,658 during the period of July 1st, 2026 through June 30th, 2027.
- 8. Resolution authorizing the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance to enter into a contract with Capital Area Career Center for the purpose of providing out-of-school youth services to 25 youth participants in the amount of \$94,683 during the period of July 1st, 2026 through June 30th, 2027.

9. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sheriff's Office from Illinois Department of Transportation for the Local Agency Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) in the amount of \$55,299.52.
10. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sheriff's Office from Illinois Department of Transportation for the Local Agency Mini Grant Enforcement Program in the amount of \$31,676.88.
11. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sheriff's Office from the Bureau of Justice for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in the amount of \$50,980.30.

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 6 - 11. A voice vote was unanimous. Resolutions 6 – 11 were adopted.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 12

12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Thomson West for the purpose of renewing the Sheriff's Office Clear software subscription for 3 years in the amount of \$31,898.28.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Miller to place Resolution 12 before the Board. A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to consolidate Resolutions 13 – 28 with Resolution 12. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 13 – 28.

RESOLUTIONS 13 - 28

13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Building & Grounds from Capitol Group for the purpose of updating jail plumbing fixtures in the amount of \$56,222.23.

14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Building & Grounds from Johnstone Supply for the purpose of air conditioning repair for Animal Control Kennels in the amount of \$39,428.97.
15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Public Health from Memorial Medical Center for the purpose of lab services for the clinic in the amount of \$70,000.
16. Resolution adopting the Sangamon County Five Year Solid Waste Plan.
17. Resolution Authorizing a 6 month Extension for the Audit of the Circuit Clerk's Office.
18. Resolution setting the salaries of the Sangamon County Clerk and Treasurer.
19. Resolution approving the PY2027 Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) Grant for the Regional Planning Commission from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$642,326.07.
20. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program in the amount of \$620,160.
21. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program in the amount of \$66,800.
22. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Early Intervention Program in the amount of \$1,306,867.11.
23. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Sangamon Program in the amount of \$114,032.
24. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Menard Program In the amount of \$35,278.
25. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Comprehensive Local Health Protection Grant – Sangamon Program in the amount of \$456,964.
26. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Comprehensive Local Health Protection Grant – Menard Program in the amount of \$107,498.

27. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Solid Waste Enforcement Program in the amount of \$80,870.40.

28. Resolution approving the Sangamon County America250/Route 66 100th Celebration Plan in the amount of \$38,425.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cahnman had a question about Resolution 16 the Solid Waste Plan. He was wondering if staff could summarize how the new plan differs from the last plan. Director of Public Health John Ridley said the format of the plan is the same, all the data moves forward and is updated.

Ms. Fulgenzi wondered if there were dump tickets for the County when they did the landfill agreements. Mr. Ridley said they did not yet. Chairman Van Meter said that was a very large question and is being worked on intensively.

The Chairman wanted to recognize Ms. Fulgenzi again and allow her to speak about the plan her committee put together. He expressed his gratitude to her, Mr. DelGiorno and their committee for putting together a program in such a short amount of time.

Ms. Fulgenzi stated the first thing they did was develop a logo to honor both of the events for Sangamon County. The theme will be Sangamon Salutes. They wanted to honor both the 250th birthday of the nation and the 100-year anniversary of Route 66. They are trying to get the logo out into the community and draw attention to both events and the County's willingness to support and honor it. They are going to have the Health Department pass the logos out to all the restaurants and licensees of the County. It is their hope they will display it on their doors. They are also going to give them to local governments, townships and schools. They will also hand them out at other events such as the Illinois State Fair.

They also plan to have a selfie back drop made so people can take a selfie. They will have it in the lobby and also available for County departments to use when they are out at events in the County. She also suggested having it available at the Sangamon County and Illinois State Fairs.

They are also purchasing a 4 foot stencil of the Route 66 sign and will put it on the old carriageway portion that was a past Route 66 alignment. They will also have some commemorative signage that will honor these events. They will have t-shirts with the logo on the back. The highway department and all the county employees will get a commemorative shirt. The vendor they purchased the t-shirts from is going to have an online store so members of the community can go online and buy a t-shirt.

They are also looking at getting commemorative flags for both the 100-year anniversary and 250th birthday that they will share with townships and local governments. They are also looking at doing a time capsule that could be incorporated into the Hub. They'd like to do sponsorships of major events going on in the community, such as the Mother Road Festival and the Route 66 Festival. They would be sure to incorporate the logos in all those events.

She thanked everyone on her committee who participated in the process. She asked if anyone had any other ideas, to please share them with her.

Mr. Madonia moved that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 12 - 28. A voice vote was unanimous except Ms. Lathan voted Present on Resolution 28 and Mr. Schackmann voted Present on Resolutions 9 and 19. Resolutions 12 - 28 were adopted.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

A. Appointments

Appointment of David Mendenhall, to the County Extension Board, for a term expiring May, 2027.

Appointment of Brad Miller, to the County Extension Board, for a term expiring May, 2027.

Appointment of Terry Schierholz, to the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Dick Ciotti, to the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Cindy Houlihan, to the Sangamon County Water Reclamation District, for a term expiring May, 2027.

Appointment of Dan Noll, to Sangamon County Hearing Officer, for a term expiring May, 2028.

Appointment of David White, to Sangamon County Hearing Officer, for a term expiring May, 2028.

Appointment of Bill Bolletta, to the Auburn Fire and Rescue District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Greg Marshall, to the Buffalo Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Kevin Bell, to the Chatham Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Jennifer Bliesner, to the Dawson Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Daryl Spelman, to the Divernon Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Leland Rhodes, to the Eastside Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Nancy Dale, to the Illiopolis Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Cathy Crammond, to the Lake Springfield Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Tim Boblitt, to the Pawnee Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Mike Yurgec, to the Sherman Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Keith Rigdon, to the Sherman Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Samuel Dale Collins, to the Western Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of James "Rusty" Edwards, to the Williamsville Fire Protection District, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of John C. Smith, to the Dawson Fire Protection District, filling the unexpired term of Keith Crain expiring May, 2027.

Appointment of Jennifer Douglas, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2028.

Appointment of Margaret Seymour, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2028.

Appointment of Leigh Steiner, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Brian Wojcicki, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2029.

Appointment of Janice Gambach, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2030.

Appointment of Steve Nardulli, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2030.

Appointment of William Moredock, to the Community Mental Health Board, for a term expiring May, 2030.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for approval in June were also submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Van Meter stated there were 13 people signed up for public comment and they are limited to four minutes.

Speaker 1: Lori McKiernan. She was not present.

Speaker 2: Claire D. Heffron-McKinney. She was not present.

Speaker 3: Justin King. Mr. King lives, farms and owns land in western Sangamon County. On July 10, 2018, the Sangamon County Board denied a use variance request from Advanced Seed Solutions to build a 240 by 110 foot building on a five-acre parcel just west of Springfield to house an agricultural seed business. This request was approved 5-0 by the Sangamon County Zoning Board of Appeals. He then proceeded to quote a July 10, 2018 State Journal-Register article. He quoted Tom Madonia, Jr. commenting on the number of people who had signed a petition opposed to the plan. He said he counted about 210 signatures of people who live in the area and added, "they are the ones who are familiar with the road. This is democracy at its best. The people have spoken. Take their advice." They cared about what 210 people of Sangamon County wanted on July 10, 2018, when the matter was a 240x110 foot building on 5 acres but now when the matter involves a 280 acre building and there have been thousands of people screaming that this isn't ok, they turn a blind eye.

He asked if they have they driven west across this country. Have they seen the vast amount of land that is already desert and doesn't have the ability to produce food that is extremely low populated. Maybe this would be a better place for these monsters if they really need to be built versus prime, fertile, food-producing, densely populated areas. This is democracy at its best. The people have spoken, take their advice.

Speaker 4: Anaela Martin. She was not present.

Speaker 5: Alex Payne. She is 16 and a high school junior. She was at the last meeting where it was very intense. She remembers a big part of the pro-data center side was there would be a lot of positions and job openings available. She said they also talked about how nothing was being built in Sangamon County but she has a list on her phone of six different locations where things are being built.

Illinois' unemployment rate as of December 20, 2025 was 4.6%, which may not seem like a lot, however in 2025 US employers cut just over 1.2 million jobs nationally, up 58% from the number of headcount reductions in 2024. The rise of AI was the 5th highest reason for job cuts.

She says the United States has signaled a willingness to offer tax breaks and open public lands to Data Centers, many of which will be powered by fossil fuels. If AI data centers powered by fossil fuels

grow as forecasted, all other sectors of the US economy would need to cut emissions by 60% in order for the US to meet its emission target.

When it comes to electricity that the data center will be using, she said that massive increases in power needs by data centers are the primary driver of increased electricity demand. According to a report, with gigantic data centers resulting in artificial intelligence booms along with aging plants going offline, electricity has started to become scarce again and rates have gone up. These conditions will create a credible risk of regional capacity shortfalls, that will impact Illinois' future ability to import power during critical hours, and may cause reliability issues. Even if Illinois produces more power, we still might be in big trouble because other states are facing similar problems.

Illinois is running out of power, that is the word from state analysts trying to figure out whether there are enough sources of electricity to keep the lights on in the next coming years. ComEd monthly bills jumped about 11 % in June and another 2% increase is expected next June. This report is really solidifying the need for us as a state to take a serious look at what can be done to preserve the reliability and affordability. She also said that natural gas plants could be built in the state to help bridge the power needs until cleaner sources of electricity such as solar and wind construction will likely delay the closing of some dirty or more polluting gas plants that are supposed to shut down in the next several years. She said they are making a decision that will impact the rest of her career and the rest of her future as she grew up here in Sangamon County. She thanked them for listening.

Speaker 6: Kathleen Campbell. Dr. Kathleen Campbell from Glenarm, IL addressed the Board. She is President of Citizens Against Heartland Greenway Pipeline. I'm sure all of you County board members remember when the Navigator Heartland Greenway carbon dioxide pipeline wanted to come through Sangamon County. They planned to route the toxic hazardous 20 inch diameter pipeline with 20-mile shut offs far too close to occupied buildings. Their approach included threatening me with eminent domain. When they first wanted an easement literally through my backyard on my one acre property in a Glenarm housing subdivision, the Sangamon County Board supported us landowners and passed a resolution to oppose Navigator Pipeline and passed a moratorium.

We now have Senate Bill 2842 in the current legislative session to ban eminent domain for CO2 pipeline, so that companies would have to negotiate with landowners, which they first refused to do. Wind and solar do not have eminent domain but carbon dioxide pipelines, which are far more dangerous and provide no energy, do have eminent domain with no threshold for required easements before eminent domain can be given. This bill would not ban CO2 pipelines just the eminent domain itself. Because of eminent domain, we land owners were forced to intervene at the Illinois Commerce Commission to oppose a navigator pipeline. That opposition cost us over \$120,000 dollars out of our pockets for legal fees, expert witnesses, and over a year of constant work. While the Sangamon County Board does not pass resolutions supporting specific pieces of legislation, Chairman Van Meter said that I could ask you all to sign a letter as individual board members to support SB 2842. Senator Halpin filed the bill, Senator Steve McClure is the chief co-sponsor and Senator Doris Turner is a co-sponsor. We currently have 23 Senate sponsors for our bipartisan bill. Fifteen Democrats and eight Republicans thus far, and expecting more to sign on this week. We also have 31 endorsements from both sides of the aisle, including the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Illinois Soybean Association, the Sierra Club, and the Illinois

Environmental Council. We also have resolutions of support from Montgomery, Brown, Christian, McDonough and Fulton county boards with others in progress.

Sangamon County is very high risk for carbon dioxide pipelines. The largest class 6 permits in Illinois have been filed with the EPA for Christian and Montgomery counties to store 300 million metric tons. In just those two sites, these two proposed carbon dioxide sequestration areas comprise half of all the carbon dioxide proposed to be stored for the entire state of Illinois. If they are approved, we can expect to be inundated with carbon dioxide pipelines across Sangamon County to transport carbon dioxide to reach those two sites.

If you support this bill by your individual signatures, you'll be in agreement with most Illinois voters. A July 2024 poll, commissioned by BOLD Alliance and conducted by Embold Research documented that 82% of Illinois voters oppose eminent domain. So please sign the letter that I will circulate to you now with your permission.

Chairman VanMeter said they have a have a long-standing rule about engaging in in debates over issues that aren't directly under their jurisdiction, but they also have a tradition if people have matters of importance they want to bring before the county, they are more than willing to circulate a letter of support amongst board members for them to sign.

Speaker 7: Rhys Moyar. He was not present.

Speaker 8: Christopher Sims. He was not present.

Speaker 9: Jordan Shaw. I will be perfectly honest. I feel a little selfish right now because I was one of the few opponents who was able to speak last month in regards to the Zoning for the data center. I like a lot of people, got that circulated email of the “brothers and sisters, we must come together and sign up early to make sure that the opponents of the data center won't sign up because CyrusOne asked us to”, that scared me so I signed up super early and I was one of three, possibly four depending on how you look at it, opponents who was able to speak under the one hour that we were given.

Suffice it to say, 17-10 the zoning was approved. I have talked to a lot of people in Springfield, Chatham, Virden and they're mad. They are very mad. I am not saying the 17 people who voted for the data center got paid off but a lot of other people are saying it including a wife of a former County Board member I spoke to just last Saturday. They are dead certain they all got paid off by CyrusOne. That's not a good look, especially come November for people who have a re-election coming up.

So what do we do? Well, I don't know about you, but I'm going to keep fighting and I'm going to be an annoying little former Virdenite because that's my hometown and I don't know if you've ever dealt with anybody from Virden but we don't take defeat easily. I hope you enjoyed that month relaxation thinking it was all good and that the union had won even though there is no guarantee that they are going to get that job. You also didn't have to deal with all the protests and the chants but I'm going to still be here in June, July, August, September, October November, December, and then all over again and I know quite a few other people who will be here with me. Thank you for your time.

Speaker 10: Ashti Dawson. Good evening, County Board and the community. My name is Ashti Dawson and I'm the former superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission. May is National Military Appreciation month. A time designed by Congress to ensure that sacrifices of our Armed Forces are always remembered. This month reminds us that our shared freedom is a hard won gift maintained by the less than 1% of citizens, who wear the uniform. True appreciation lives in our daily actions. It is reflected in how we care for our veterans. Real appreciation requires open accountability. We cannot honor the veteran community if we allow members of the same community to be mistreated. Because of my deep respect for this community, I'm going to share a painful situation happening right here.

Two of our own neighbors, honorably discharged female veterans, have experienced a profound lack of the very dignity they fought to protect. Myself and someone else were wrongfully terminated from the Veterans Assistance Commission of Sangamon County. It is deeply hurtful when an organization built on the foundation of service, fails to uphold the rights of the veterans it employs. It is best that the other employee speak for herself as will I.

On March 5th, the Judge Advocate Jay Hoffman was made aware of my complaint against the chair, Martin Fruchtl. On March 11th, I voiced a complaint against the VAC chair Martin Fruchtl, and his disparaging, racist, sexist remarks. On May 6th, I was terminated. The following VAC commission members were made aware of my complaint; Martin Fruchtl, Bill Mowder, Jay Hoffman, Keith Milliman, Josh Seed, Kimberly Yantis, Anthony Bellin, Tammy Harmony, Rose Connelly Gene Beler, Kyle Bloomhurst, Les Morgan, Lawrence Miller and Eric Perkins. Four days after voicing my complaint against the VAC chair, an investigation was immediately launched resulting in a swift reprimand and altering work conditions.

During this investigation process, Eric Perkins serving on the disciplinary committee, made advances towards me by offering to buy me a drink and trying to force a cell phone number. I refused every advance he made towards me. Ultimately, he made the motion to reject the motion for censure and moved to terminate me. By failing to intervene immediately, the commission breached my whistleblower protections and permitted a hostile work environment of discrimination, harassment and retaliation to persist. In two and a half years, I have never received a disciplinary action, reprimand or complaint.

The physical and emotional health struggles I faced are the direct result of this commission's choices not to address my initial complaint. This instability has placed a heavy burden on my life, simply because this body has chosen to protect an individual instead of fulfilling its governing responsibilities. Instead of looking for facts, the commission closed ranks. I faced coordinated attacks, defamation and false accusations.

As we wear our poppies and fly our flags this month, let us commit to a higher standard. We must ensure that serving those who have served is a promise we actively live by, not just a slogan. We ask for the dignity we earned and the fair treatment every veteran deserves. Thank you very much for your time.

Speaker 11: Salem King. You remember last meeting I said I would be here every meeting for the rest of this year. And here I am. I'll see you again in June.

Wanted to bring you all a couple of updates as to what me and my comrades have been up to in regards to the data center. Firstly, as you well know, a lot of people are pissed at you right now. In fact, more people have come up to me to talk about this data center, not just in Sangamon County, but in the other rural counties across Illinois that I work in to talk about this data center and how angry they are about it since the zoning vote, then I probably ever spoke to before it.

Even if you think you are done with the data center, the people of Illinois, of Sangamon County and every County surrounding it are not done with this data center and I assure you that I am giving them all of your contact information. Speaking of giving people your contact information and talking to people who are angry about your vote, last meeting my organization, the Democratic Socialists of America as well as the Coalition for Springfield's utility future and multiple other organizations have been canvassing in Chatham, Virden, Springfield, Auburn and Waverly. We have been talking to people door-to-door while they're going about their business downtown. We have been handing them resources and information about this data center and information about how to contact all of you and information how to contact the other permitting agency CyrusOne will need to go through in order to get this data center built.

Paul Truax is the only one of you, who voted in favor of the data center, who we can unseat in the elections this year – aside from Sam Cahnman. There are many more elections to come after this year, and we are going to make sure every single one of you who voted in favor of this data center is unseated.

We've also been running multiple different PR campaigns to keep people informed about what it is that all of you voted for. We've been doing so much more than SSGA, partially, because we don't have the budget to send advertisements without consent to the phone of nearly everyone in the county. And DelGiorno should already be aware of some of those PR campaigns considering the article we got in the State Journal-Register and in the Illinois Times refuting nearly every point he made in his article trying to defend his vote against his constituents who didn't want it. And we are also trying to stop CyrusOne from getting the remaining permits they need, including the federally enforced state operating permit they'll need from the IEPA and the building permit they'll need to get from you. Before I continue, I would like to engage in a moment of bipartisanship and have a brief moment of silence for all of our evening, plans when that building permit does come up for a vote. Thank you.

So, the reason why I want to tell all of you what we're up to and what we're planning is because I want you to know that we are persistent. I am 23 years old and many of you will rightfully assume, that means I lack experience, but it means that I have plenty of time. I don't need to win in June. I don't need to win in 2026, but I'll be there in 2028 and I'll be there 30 years from now, will you?

Speaker 12: Ken Pacha. He was not present.

Speaker 13: Gary Schulze. I live one and a half miles from this future AI death center. I had a speech for the last meeting, but somehow only a few certain people got speak. That's crazy how it worked out.

I was going to tell you how CyrusOne got turned down in San Marcos, Texas a few months ago because of community impact, noise, power usage and water usage. Their council listened until 2 a.m. in the morning before voting NO. It has good board members that backed their people, not just a select few.

Since finding out about this death center in October, I've been here to speak my four minutes each meeting to try and save my home of 48 years. What a waste of time. After the vote turnout at the last meeting, we can tell how many of you didn't care enough to educate yourselves about this scam or bothered to listen to the majority just the deep pockets. And this is for Sam, since I've been coming to these meetings, you've been one of my favorite people because you asked questions that should be asked. But you and a few others are paid a few donations and all the sudden you YES voters can't ask a single question to Bradd Hout even after he sat there being a bumbling fool, when he was called out for lying and sneakiness but your YES's couldn't come out any faster. I hope the campaign donations were more than what was listed because I would have tripled that for a NO vote.

In the beginning, I actually thought the people saying YES didn't know, but you did know. And I think none of us know now, because CyrusOne's plans change to whatever they want and that's apparently okay.

The area I live in will now be known as home of the AI death center. We cannot get a police presence but you can have half the force at the BOS Center to protect yourselves because you knew what you YES voters were doing was wrong. For many months now, I go to sleep pissed off about this. I wake up in the middle of the night pissed off about this and I wake up to go to work pissed off about this for what you brought down on my family and neighbors. Thanks for nothing.

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

A motion was made by Mr. DelGiorno, seconded by Mr. Madonia, 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. Madonia, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to recess the meeting to June 9, 2026. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk