

FAYETTE COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

Convene

Jacob Harris, Chairperson, called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at the Vandalia City Hall, 431 W Gallatin St, Vandalia, Illinois, 62471 on February 3, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

Michael Black, *Present*; Michael L. Butts, *Absent*; Patrick Click, *Present*; Jaqueline Durr, *Present*; Sean Hannagan, *Present*; Jacob Harris, *Present*; Dan Lutz, *Absent*; Mack Payne, *Present*; Scott L. Ray, *Present*; Ryan Tompkins, *Present*; Ashley Towler, *Present*; James Wehrle, *Absent*; Joe A. Wills, *Absent*; Scott Workman, *Present*.

Approval of Prior Minutes

Mack Payne made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes from January 6, 2026. Scott Workman second the motion. The motion passed with all Ayes.

Public Comment

None.

Administrator Report

Justin Greeley, Bellwether, stated there are several items that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Persons to Address Board

None.

Discussion of Financial Issues

1. Discussion of Winter Storm impact to utility rate

Justin Greeley, Bellwether, stated that the utility companies are notifying users of the natural gas shortage, we could see a potential variance due to the unexpected increases.

2. Discussion and possible approval of iPaws Agreement

Ryan Scott, EMA Director, provided handouts for the members of the board, this is similar to the TextMyGov we previously held a contract with. However, this service has additional features and services to make it more accessible and user friendly. Plan to pay this from the dues/subscription line to reimburse from Capital Improvement (\$2,200/yr).

3. Discussion of Fayette County Auditor Transition

Treasurer Michelle Hagy reported that she has been working diligently with the auditor to collect data. Hope to have additional update at the next meeting.

4. Discussion of Financial Officer

The board moved to table this discussion after closed session

Closed Session: 6:40pm Mike Black made a motion to move to closed session, Ashley Towler seconded the motion. The motion passed

Reconvene 7:17 pm Michael Black, *Present*; Michael L. Butts, *Absent*; Patrick Click, *Present*; Jaqueline Durr, *Present*; Sean Hannagan, *Present*; Jacob Harris, *Present*; Dan Lutz, *Absent*; Mack Payne, *Present*; Scott L. Ray, *Present*; Ryan Tompkins, *Present*; Ashley Towler, *Present*; James Wehrle, *Absent*; Joe A. Wills, *Absent*; Scott Workman, *Present*.

Board Member's Comments and Non-Action Items

Scott Workman, inquired about SxS ordinance, can it be expanded to county? States Attorney Brenda Mathis stated that the speed limit is 55mph and the passing of this type of ordinance would require an assessment to be performed, also

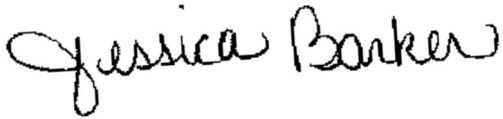
insurance has stated that no they would not insure the county for this type of ordinance. Additional work would be required from the State side as well as finding a compliance and enforcement of said ordinance.

Pat Click wanted to give a heads up of the city possibly looking into researching a data center. We currently don't have the infrastructure to maintain, but it would be good for members to start researching this topic.

Adjournment

Ashley Towler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat Click second the motion. The motion passed with all Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Barker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jessica Barker
Fayette County Clerk and Recorder