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## ***Governance, Health, and Administration Committee Agenda***

April 13th, 2026

Room 210 Administration Conference Room 10:00AM

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### **7. Consider Proclamation Designating April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026 as Earth Day in Rock Island County**

Motion to approve: Cindy Ramos

Second: Enyo Dewith

voice vote

Motion carried

### **8. Consider Updated Group Violence Intervention Strategy Proposal**

Motion to approve: Drue Mielke

Second: Cindy Ramos

**Discussion:** County Board Chairman Richard Brunk noted that he spoke with the States Attorney about this and it was proposed in January and the original proposal was much broader and this proposal is much more narrow approach involving the County and the City of Rock Island Police Department. So, the dollar amounts are reduced. The request from the States Attorney Office is they are looking to use \$33,600 from Opioid Settlement Funds, \$39,200 from unencumbered County General Fund and \$39,200 from States Attorney's Drug Forfeiture Fund.

voice vote

Motion carried

### **9. Review of Pending/Proposed legislation affecting Rock Island County:**

County Board Chairman Brunk reported that the Associations Legislative Committee did meet a little over a week ago and discussed a number of bills and we were briefed by our Legislative Director but nothing specific to report.

### **10. Closed Session: None**

### **11. Consider Action needed for Closed Session: None**

### **12. Committee member opportunity for brief comment (no decisions will be made)**

Cindy Ramos noted that Lincoln Irving Elementary is moving to Western Illinois University and it will be known as Robert Ontiveros Elementary.

### **13. Adjourn**

Motion to approve: Enyo Dewith

Second: Cindy Ramos

voice vote

Motion carried

**The Governance, Health & Administration meeting adjourned at 10:22 am**

**The next regularly scheduled Governance, Health & Administration meeting is April 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

**Jim Nelson**

**Rock Island County Administration**

## COMPARATIVE STATISTICS SUMMARY

2026	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
TOTAL CASES	120	135	132			
MEDICAL	90	105	99			
SIGN OUT	30	30	32			
INVESTIGATION	21	26	28			
INQUEST - INJ	3	2	5			
AUTOPSIES	3	2	2			
*FAMILY PAID	*0	*0	*0			
TOXICOLOGY	3	1	5			
% OF CASES AFTER HOURS	62%	70%	83%			
CREMATION PERMITS ISSUED	72	86	85			
*INDIGENT P/A	*0	1	0			
County Paid Dispositions \$700.00	1	1	1			
F.H. Transport to Autopsy \$500.00	1	2	0			
REPORTS ISSUED	1	0	0			
(N/C INFANT/CHILD CREMATION	0	0	0			

(\$10,675.00) (\$7,500.00) (\$4,800.00)

2026	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL CASE						
SIGN OUT						
MEDICAL						
INVESTIGATION						
INQUEST - INJ						
AUTOPSIES						
*FAMILY PAID						
TOXICOLOGY						
% OF CASES AFTER HOURS						
CREMATION PERMITS ISSUED						
*INDIGENT / P.A.						
County Paid Dispositions \$700						
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REPORTS ISSUED						
N/C INFANT/CHILD CREMATION						

BWG/jmv

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
TOTAL: (MARCH)	\$4,800.00	\$22,975.00
TOTAL CREMATION PERMITS:	85	243
TOTAL COUNTY PAID DISPOSITIONS:	1	3
TOTAL FUNERAL HOME TRANSPORT TO AUTOPSY:	0	2
TOTAL CORONER AUTOPSY TRANSPORT:	2	5
TOTAL CASES WITH THC, DELTA IN TOXICOLOGY:	0	0

## 2026 MARCH MONTHLY INQUESTED

12/21/25

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The decedent was found in her bed unresponsive by her boyfriend. 911 was called. The boyfriend stated him and the decedent had gone out the night before. They fell asleep around 4am on the couch. The decedent had woke up and went into the bedroom to sleep. She stated to the decedent she wanted to sleep in the next day. After running a few errands the next day the boyfriend tried waking the decedent with no response. CPR was initiated without success. An Autopsy was performed by Dr. Mark Peters in Oregon, IL. Toxicology results revealed a BAC of 0.016. Cause of death was to be from 1. Undetermined  
Ruled Undetermined

02/26/26

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The decedent was found at his residence unresponsive. 911 was called. No medical interventions were initiated. The decedent's had a history of alcoholism, liver failure, hypertension. Toxicology results revealed Methadone. Cause of death was to be from 1. Adverse effects of Methadone.  
Ruled Accidental

02/28/26

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The decedent was found by his wife after she arrived home from work. He was sitting in his easy chair, unresponsive, and not breathing with a gunshot wound to the head. 911 was called. EMS arrived and no medical procedures were performed. Cause of death was to be from 1. Neurogenic shock due to 2. Gunshot wound to head.  
Ruled Suicide

03/17/26

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The decedent was found at his residence by his stepfather. 911 was called. He was unresponsive and not breathing. Family stated the decedent would get drunk and become belligerent and start making threats. No interventions were initiated. The decedent was found sitting in a chair. He had a wound on the left side of his head, and a wound on the right side of his head. There was a handgun in his left hand. Cause of death was to be 1. Neurogenic shock due to 2. Gunshot wound of the head.  
Ruled Suicide

# Rock Island County Court Services

## Monthly Activity Report

ADULT DIVISION	26-Mar	25-Mar
<b>Pretrial</b>		
Number of Investigations	137	87
<b>GPS Monitoring</b>		
Number Ordered for Month	9	10
Number End of Month Total	78	84
<b>Pretrial Supervision</b>		
Beginning of Month	103	116
Number Released	13	17
Number Closed	9	21
End of Month	107	112
<b>Intake / Investigations</b>		
Presentence Investigations	4	7
Mental Health Court Screenings	5	6
Drug Court Screenings	18	8
Intakes	37	36
<b>Probation Supervision</b>		
Beginning of Month	920	834
New Referrals	79	79
Number Closed	46	56
End of Month	953	857
<b>Court Referral / DUI</b>		
Beginning of Month	335	336
New Referrals	24	25
Number Closed	27	36
End of Month	332	325
<b>Probation Fees Collected (Adult &amp; Juv.)</b>		
	\$15,018.60	\$14,559.24

**JUVENILE DIVISION**

26-Mar

25-Mar

**Intake Screening**

New Referrals	26	47
Detention Screening	18	23
Number Detained	2	1
Number on Home Detention/GPS	5	11

**Probation Supervision**

Beginning of Month	95	121
New Referrals	16	17
Number Closed	18	8
End of Month	93	130

**Number in Placement**

Beginning of Month	3	0
New Placements	0	1
Number Released	0	0
End of Month	3	1
Parental Reimbursement Received	\$0.00	\$0.00
Placement Costs	\$18,317.75	\$33,505.40

**Investigations**

Social History	0	1
Intake Screening	14	15
Supplemental Social History	0	0
Other	0	0

**Restitution Collected**

	\$13,948.86	\$11,116.13
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**Public Community Service Work**

	Adult	Adult
Beginning of Month	220	189
New Referrals	6	12
Number Closed	3	6
End of Month	223	195
Hours Completed	0	60

	Juvenile	Juvenile
Beginning of Month	61	58
New Referrals	0	2
Number Closed	4	0
End of Month	57	60
Hours Completed	0	0



Date: April 08, 2026

## Monthly County Relief

Voucher Type	Issued		Number of Veterans served for	
	2025	2026	2025	2026
Rental	\$8,906.00	\$11,219.00	117	150
Utilities	\$946.91	\$1,556.27	15	308
Food	\$1,873.00	\$2,476.00	0	76
Personal Hygiene	\$1,660.00	\$2,246.00	137	295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,385.91</b>	<b>\$17,497.27</b>		

**American Legion**

Rock Island Post 200/East Moline Post 227  
 Moline Post 246/Milan Post 569  
 Port Byron Post 421/Cordova Post 1033  
 Community Post 1166

**Vietnam Veterans of America**

Rock Island Chapter 299  
 Moline Chapter 669  
**Marine Corp League**  
 Lincoln Detachment

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Moline Post 2153  
 East Moline Post 8890  
**Korean War Veterans Assoc Chap 168**



Date: April 08, 2026

## Obituary Report

Name	Conflict	From	Died	Burial Location	Total Veterans per conflict:	#
Dennis Hougard	Vietnam	Rock Island	3/1/2026	Unknown	WWII	2
Jerry Reeser	Vietnam	Colona	3/1/2026	RIA	Korea	3
Dwight Thomas	Korea	Moline	3/1/2026	Greenview Mem Gar.	Vietnam	9
James Gulley	WWII	Silvis	3/8/2026	RIA	Gulf/OIF/OEF	0
John Dudzik	Vietnam	East Moline	3/11/2026	RIA	PeaceTime	0
Donald Mitten	Korea	Silvis	3/11/2026	RIA		
Ivan Minter	Vietnam	East Moline	3/12/2026	Unknown	<b>RIA National Cemetery #s</b>	
Irvin Biggs	Vietnam	Moline	3/12/2026	RIA	Total RI County Veterans	<b>6</b>
Roald Zvonik	WWII	Moline	3/13/2026	RIA	Total Veterans Buried	<b>25</b>
Daniel Verschoore	Vietnam	Moline	3/14/2026	Calvary Cemetery		
Gerald Wilcox	Korea	Rock Island	3/19/2026	Portage, WI	Total Buried YTD	<b>86</b>
Robert Tappich	Vietnam	Silvis	3/20/2026	RI Mem Park Cem		
Glen Miller	Vietnam	East Moline	3/23/2026	Unknown		
Gerald Hagstrom	Vietnam	Moline	3/25/2026	Greenview Mem Gar.		

  

Abbreviations
TWP-Township
Cem - Cemetery
EM-East Moline
GDNS-Gardens
Mem-Memorial
Mol, Moline
RI-Rock Island
RIA-Rock Island Arsenal

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**Governance, Health, and Administration Committee  
Information Technology Report  
April 2026**

**Website Accessibility**

- Information Technology has been reviewing technology that would assist our staff to create or modify website documents to meet new accessibility guidelines. IT found one solution that would automate this process and make any viewed document on the website compliant. After researching these solutions, we determined the manual process would be too taxing on our staff and the automated solution would be too costly to implement. After discussing with other local governments, we decided to modify the accessibility page on our website for anyone in need to request accessible documents from the Administration Office.

Assessments	32.00
Bi-State	247.13
County Clerk	286.59
Court Administration	224.00
Court Services	677.25
Health ADM	340.88
Public Defender	96.00
Public Works	96.00
Sheriff	505.71
States Attorney	64.00
Veteran's Assistance	42.27
Zoning and Building	151.92
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,763.75</b>



## AGENDA BRIEFING

**COMMITTEE:** Finance and Personnel

**MEETING DATE:** April 13<sup>th</sup> Governance Health and Administration + April 21<sup>st</sup> County Board

**ISSUE:**

For Consideration:

- A. Rock Island County Public Transportation Application Ordinance
- B. Rock Island County Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement
- C. Rock Island County Acceptance of the Special Warranty

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

Rock Island County receives Federal (5311) and State (DOAP) funding to provide transportation services for residents. Project Now is the County's sub recipient of funds and is the provider of rural transportation services. Historically, approximately 6,000 trips are completed annually in rock island county.

Vehicles are leased to Project Now, the service provider, for \$1.00. The county's finance director currently serves as the Program Compliance and Oversight Monitor (PCOM), overseeing the service and that financial requirements are met.

Rock Island County will receive \$56,735 in Federal 5311 funding as well as \$338,200 in DOAP funding for a total of \$394,935.00

Rock Island County will enter a sub recipient agreement with Project Now for the upcoming state fiscal year, as we continue to work with IDOT, Project Now, and others, to ensure the continuation of Rural Transportation Services for our county, and exactly what adjustments if any may be necessary as we continue to provide this service.

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**COMMITTEE ACTION:**

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**PREPARED BY:** Jared VanTieghem

**DEPARTMENT:** Administration

**DATE:** 3/9/2026

# Public Transportation Applicant Ordinance

ORDINANCE NUMBER: 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
IN ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, public transportation is an essential public purpose for which public funds may be expended under Article 13, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Rock Island County wishes to provide public transportation for its citizens and become eligible for grants from the State of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, from any unit of local government, from the Federal government or any department or agency thereof; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Compiled Statutes 740/2-1 et seq., authorizes a county to provide for public transportation within the (county or counties) limits:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board Chairperson and Rock Island County that:

Section 1. Rock Island County shall hereby provide public transportation within the county or counties limits.

Section 2. The clerk/secretary to the governing board of Rock Island County shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance, within sixty days after passage of this ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

Section 4. That the County Board Chairperson of the Rock Island County County of Rock Island Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of Rock Island County a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Section 5. That the County Board Chairperson of the Rock Island County County of Rock Island Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of Rock Island County all required Grant Agreements with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

PASSED by the County Board Chairperson and the County of Rock Island Board on the 21st of April 2026, and deposited and filed in the office of the clerk/secretary on that date.

Elected Board Members: 19

Members Present at Vote:           

Members Voting "Aye": 0 Members Voting "Nay": 0 Members Abstaining: 0

Signature of

Date

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF  
SECTION 5311 GRANT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit service is essential to the transportation of persons in the non-urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5311 ("Section 5311"), makes funds available to the State of Illinois to help offset certain operating deficits and administrative expenses of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, is authorized by 30 ILCS 740/3-1 *et seq.* to provide the Section 5311 grant; and

WHEREAS, grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including the provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under Section 5311.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 for fiscal year 2027 for the purpose of off-setting a portion of the Public Transportation Program operating deficits of Rock Island County.

Section 2. That while participating in said operating assistance program, Rock Island County will provide all required local matching funds.

Section 3. That the County Board Chairperson of the Rock Island County County of Rock Island Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of Rock Island County such application.

Section 4. That the County Board Chairperson of the Rock Island County County of Rock Island Board is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required by the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation and the Federal Transit Administration in connection with the aforesaid application for said grant.

Section 5. That the County Board Chairperson of the Rock Island County County of Rock Island Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of Rock Island County a Section 5311 Grant Agreement ("Agreement") with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 for fiscal year 2027.

Section 6. That the County Board Chairperson of the Rock Island County County of Rock Island Board is hereby authorized to provide such information and to file such documents as may be required to perform the Agreement and to receive the grant for fiscal year 2027.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2026.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Attest

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Title

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# Acceptance of the Special Warranty

WHEREAS, Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, makes funds available to help offset certain operating deficits of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) requires that fair and equitable arrangements must be made to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance as a condition of receipt of funds under Section 5311; and

WHEREAS a simplified process for assuring employee protections that accommodates the needs of participants in the Section 5311 program has been agreed upon by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Transportation by allowing execution of a Special Section 5333(b) Warranty for Section 5311 projects (Special Warranty), which the Secretary of Labor certified on May 31, 1979;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Office of Intermodal Project Implementation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended.

Section 2. As a condition of the receipt of Section 5311 funds, Rock Island County hereby agrees in writing to the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty (attached) regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance.

PASSED by the County of Rock Island Board on the 21st day of April 2026.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

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Authorized Official's Name Typed

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**A. Grantee Contact Person/PCOM**

The PCOM is appointed by the grantee (applicant) and concurred on by the Department. This person will act as the Department's primary contact for the grant and will review grant documents and pay requests for accuracy before they are sent to the Department. This person is knowledgeable about public transportation programs, this grant and the grantee's (applicants) oversight responsibilities. Please list the **Grantee's contact person/PCOM** responsible for project and financial oversight:

Name		Title	
Ryan Berger		Finance Director/PCOM	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
1504 3rd Ave	Rock Island	IL	61201
Phone	Fax	E-mail	
(309) 558-3602	(309) 786-4473	rberger@rockislandcountyil.gov	

Please identify by name and title in the space below the chief officers of record of applicant's governing board, such as Chairman, President, Secretary, Treasurer or comparably designated officers (select "Add Row" to insert as many rows as necessary):

Official's Name	Official's Title
Richard H. Brunk	Rock Island County Board Chairman

The organizational status of the applicant is:

- Municipality
- County
- Nonprofit Corporation
- Mass Transit District
- Other (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Identification of Operators**

Please identify the agency or agencies that will be directly providing and operating the service proposed in this application and the Target Service Groups to be served. If the applicant will be the operator of the service, so indicate. If more than one transit operator will be involved in the provision of the proposed services, indicate which **portion of the service** and/or **which portion of the service area** each operator will handle.

Notes: Operator is the name of the entity providing service; Target Service Group(s) is the specific target group (60+ disabled, general public, etc.)

Operator Name	Target Service Group				Service Area
	General Public	60+	Disabled	Low Income	
Project NOW, Inc.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Rock Island County

**C. Service Coordination Methods**

If you identify more than one service provider in Section A, then the applicant should describe, in detail, how service delivery will be coordinated among operators. Applicants should be prepared to address such issues as coordination of reservation capability, coordination of service delivery, elimination of duplication of service provision among providers, and methods that a project is marketed to the general public as a "system," rather than service provided by individual providers.

*In the space below, describe coordination methods used to insure that general public transportation as well as target group transportation is provided (this text box will expand upon exit to accommodate text input).*

Project NOW, Inc. is the sole provider of the 5311 Rural Transportation in Rock Island County. Project NOW's Senior Service division has been providing Title IIIB transportation to seniors and adults with disabilities for over 40 years and has been an established system for taking reservations and coordinating affiliate operators. Duplication of services will be avoided by working closely with Mass Transit District, other provider agencies, and entering into service contracts. We anticipate extensive and intensive marketing to include media bursts, visiting township offices, conducting public information forums at public libraries in rural areas, program brochures, newspaper ads and articles, Public Service Announcements (PSA), job fairs, health and wellness fairs, senior and community services events.

**D. Coordination With Other Human Service Agencies and Programs**

In this section, provide a general narrative of coordination activity by the project with other entities that receive Federal assistance that may also provide passenger transportation.

*In the space below, type service coordination efforts with other entities here (this text box will expand upon exit to accommodate text input).*

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**E. Operating Entity Certification**

For **each** proposed operator(s) please provide a fully completed and executed copy of the following along with a copy of all purchase of service agreements (this document should be completed and signed by the operator, if different from the grantee/applicant):

*If the applicant has more than one operator, list the official and name below (select "Add Row" to insert additional rows). One certification form is provided in this section; if additional forms are needed, select "Create Additional Operator Certification" to the right (the forms will be added after the first Certification).*

Create Additional Operator Certification

Delete Additional Operator Certification

Operating Entity Certification

<input type="checkbox"/> Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/> University
<input type="checkbox"/> County	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/> Mass Transit District	<input type="checkbox"/> Private for-Profit
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain): _____	

The operator's address:

Address	City	State	Zip Code
1830 2nd Ave	Rock Island	IL	61201
Phone	E-mail		
(309) 793-6391	dford@projectnow.org		

The operator's Federal Employer's Identification Number (FEIN):

FEIN
36-2654175

Officer or Official Signature	Date
Title	
Rock Island County Board Chairperson	

**F. Operator Contact Person**

Please list the **Operator's contact person(s)** responsible for project and financial management (*you may list up to five (5)*):

Operator		Primary Contact Name	
Project NOW, Inc.		Dwight L. Ford	
Email		Title	Phone
dford@projectnow.org		Executive Director	(309) 793-6391
Operator		Primary Contact Name	
Project NOW, Inc.		Melissa Shouse	
Email		Title	Phone
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<input type="button" value="Add Contact"/>	<input type="button" value="Remove Contact"/>		

**G. Relationship Between Grantee and Operator**

There are two circumstances when a grantee can enter into a lower tier relationship with a third party to deliver Section 5311 services. First, a grantee follows either state or Federal procedures outlined in FTA Circular 4220.1F to competitively secure the services of a contractor (using micro purchase, small purchase, Invitation for Bid (IFB), or Request For Proposal procedures (RFP) to deliver all or some components of Section 5311 service. Second, a state may elect to grant Section 5311 funds to a lower tier subrecipient through a primary subrecipient, a practice expressly permitted pursuant to FTA Circular 9040.1G, Chapter V, paragraph 4. FTA uses the example of a state that might pass funds to a nonprofit organization through a local public body. FTA notes that this type of arrangement is not a third party contract. OMB, in 2 CFR part 200.74, define these entities as pass-through agreements.

In the section below, identify the procurement method used for the selection of operator(s) (check only one for each operator):

If the applicant has more than one operator, complete this question for each operator (*select the "Add Operator" button to insert additional checkboxes*).

Operator No.

- Not Applicable/Grantee is the Operator
- Pass-Through Operator\*
- Formal Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Formal Invitation for Bids (IFB)
- Sole Source (Requires IDOT Concurrence)
- Other

Describe "Other" (200 words or less)

**H. Operator and Managerial Capacity**

If the grantee is not the operator, please describe the methods employed by the applicant to ensure that the selected operator(s) has the requisite fiscal, managerial and technical capability to provide and or manage the proposed service as required by state and federal regulations and funding agreements.

Describe fiscal, managerial and technical capacity (200 words or less)

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**Public Transit Employee Protections**

**A. Special Warranty**

When federal funds are used to acquire, improve, or operate a mass transit system (public transportation), federal law requires arrangements to protect the interests of mass transit employees (see 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b), formerly Section 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act). Section 5333(b) specifies that these protective arrangements must provide for the preservation of rights and benefits of employees under existing collective bargaining agreements, the continuation of collective bargaining rights, the protection of individual employees against a worsening of their positions in relation to their employment, assurances of employment to employees of acquired transit systems, priority of reemployment, and paid training or retraining programs (49 U.S.C. § 5333(b)(2)).

The Department of Labor (DOL) must certify that protective arrangements are in place and meet the above requirements for all grants of assistance under of the Federal Transit Law before the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) can release funds. The FTA includes the terms and conditions of the certification and protective arrangements in its contract of assistance with the grant recipient. There is no basis for a waiver or exemption from the requirements of section 5333(b).

Before undertaking a project, the applicant for Section 5311 funding (or a legally responsible entity designated by the state) must agree in writing to the Special Warranty. IDOT is responsible for assuring that each grantee has a currently valid signed Special Warranty and for certifying this to DOL for each grant.

**B. Labor Organizations in the Service Area**

The Special Warranty also requires that IDOT "provide to DOL and maintain at all times an accurate, up-to-date listing of all existing transportation providers which are eligible recipients of transportation assistance funded by the project, in the transportation service area of the project, and any labor organization representing the employees of such providers."

List existing providers and labor unions below

Union Name	Local Number	Transit Organization
N/A	N/A	Metrolink

**Local Planning Efforts**

**A. Public Notice, Public Meeting, and Planning Efforts to Support This Application**

Describe what role local planning activities/initiatives played in the development of the proposed Section 5311 project.

Section 5323(a) (1) of the Federal Mass Transit Act of 1964, as amended requires "that the program provides for the participation of private companies engages in public transportation to the maximum extent feasible..."

**Attach a copy of the Public Notice and certification thereof as Attachment VI.**

**Attach the minutes of the Public Meeting as Attachment VII.**

Also, provide a list below that describes in general the plans and other planning tools used and how they were utilized in the development of this project (example: county comprehensive plans, ridership surveys, technical studies, etc.).

**B. Transit System Planning Efforts, Last Five Years**

Describe your planning efforts over the past 5 years and how the public has participated in those efforts.

Project NOW has been involved in the Transit Partnership Group and the regional Drug and Alcohol consortium in Mercer and Rock Island Counties for over 10 years. In addition, Project NOW has been a member of the Region 2 Transit Advisory Committee since its development in 2007. Project NOW participates in regional

transportation planning meetings, and Project NOW has been represented on the RICO Transit Advisory Board.

**C. Ridership and Service Demand Surveys (required annually)**

Indicate the Date of the Last Demand Survey

Describe what surveys of potential riders were conducted in an effort to determine the general travel needs of the service area population. How many people were surveyed? How have the findings of the surveys been used in developing the routing and scheduling of the proposed transit program? Please summarize



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD  
PROCLAMATION

**National Small Business Week 2026**

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WHEREAS, small businesses make up 99% of all the businesses in the United States, and employ nearly half of all private sector workers, contributing to the prosperity of every industry; and

WHEREAS, America's spirit of innovation thrives, in large part, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our small businesses, who tackle our nation's challenges with fresh ideas and create opportunities for families and workers to flourish; and

WHEREAS, From the corner stores that define our neighborhoods to the cutting-edge startups driving progress, small businesses are the very foundation of our economic strength and the embodiment of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, supporting these businesses in Rock Island County fosters job creation and safeguards the unique character of our community; and

WHEREAS, because over 33 million small businesses across the nation employ over half of all-American workers, it is crucial to support our entrepreneurs and foster economic growth; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week each year since 1963, highlighting the valuable programs and services offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies to empower entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, Rock Island County proudly joins this national effort, committed to assisting our local small businesses in their endeavors: expanding their operations, creating jobs, and ensuring the continued vibrancy of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, **THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD**, does hereby proclaim May 3<sup>rd</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> 2026, as National Small Business Week in **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**.

Approved in open meeting, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026

ATTEST:

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Richard H. "Quijas Brunk  
Rock Island County Board Chairman

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Karen K. Kinney  
Rock Island County Clerk



# ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Darren Hart - Sheriff

## AGENDA BRIEFING

**COMMITTEE:** Finance and Personnel

**MEETING DATE:** April 14, 2026

**ISSUE: FOR APPROVAL:** Consider 2025 Edward Byrne Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Memorandum of Understanding

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### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

This MOU is between the County of Rock Island the City of Moline and the City of Rock Island in regards to the joint application funding available from the U.S. Department of Justice. County, Moline and Rock Island are eligible to submit a joint application for the aggregate funds allocated to them under the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award. The City of Rock Island serves and the fiscal agent for the funds and administers the financial and programic requirements. The County will receive \$5,851.00.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), offered through the Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), furthers the mission of assisting state, local and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence and to improve the administration of the criminal justice system. The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice is to improve the public safety of the community, the quality of services to crime victims, and the effectiveness of services to offenders.

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### COMMITTEE ACTION

**PREPARED BY:** Mindy Meyers

**DEPARTMENT:** SHERIFF

**DATE:** 04/09/26

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: O-BJA-2025-172542**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
2025 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made and entered into this \_\_\_ day of April, 2026, by and between **THE COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS (“County”)**, **THE CITY OF MOLINE, ILLINOIS (“Moline”)**, and **THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS (“Rock Island”)**, in regard to the joint application for funding available from the U. S. Department of Justice.

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, County, Moline, and Rock Island are eligible to submit a joint application for the aggregate of funds allocated to them under the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires that one agency serve as the Fiscal Agent for the funds and administer the financial and programmic requirements; and

WHEREAS, Rock Island will serve in the capacity of Fiscal Agent for the 2025 JAG grant, and as such will make application for the joint funding and comply with the subsequent reporting requirements; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is made subject to and enabled by Article VII, Section 10 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, 5 ILCS 220/1 *et seq.*

**NOW THEREFORE**, the participating agencies agree as follows:

**Grant Administration.** Rock Island will complete the application process, based on the agreed upon allocation of funding and the individual projects submitted by each of the participating agencies.

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A. Upon receipt of the JAG funding, Rock Island will pay County the sum of \$5,851.00.

B. Upon receipt of the JAG funding, Rock Island will pay Moline the sum of \$26,307.00.

C. Upon receipt of the JAG funding, Rock Island will retain the sum of \$26,347.00.

D. Each participating agency will establish a trust fund account in which its portion of the JAG funding will be deposited.

E. Each participating agency will retain documentation of all expenditures made from the JAG funding during the course of the grant period.

F. Upon request by Rock Island, County and Moline will provide financial and program data from their respective individual JAG funded projects for preparation of the appropriate quarterly and semi-annual reports required under the grant.

G. Rock Island, as the Fiscal Agent, will prepare and submit the required quarterly financial and program reports required under the grant.

**Term:** The term of this agreement shall be for the four-year grant period, or until final close-out of the grant has been approved by the U. S. Department of Justice, whichever occurs first.

**Miscellaneous:** Each party to this agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may

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arise from the furnishing of services by the other parties.

**CITY OF MOLINE, ILLINOIS**

**CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

Attest:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**COUNTY OF ROCK ISLAND,  
ILLINOIS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Board Chairman

Attest:  
  
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